

THE
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Aduentures of La-
die EGERIA.

*Containing her miserable bannishment
by Duke Lampanus her husbände,
through the inducement of Ladie Eldorna the harlot, and
Lord Andromus the Flatterer : who for his periurie
and false insinuation, was by a wonderfull
iudgement viterly subuerred
and deuoured.*

*The Combat fought by Lord Trauenna,
(with Nesto the Slaue in steade of Andromus the Flatter-
er) obtayning the victorie, was afterwardees Bannished.
The graue Letters, wise and sentencious Orations, of the Coun-
saile, Iudges and others. The bannishment of the Dukes two children.*

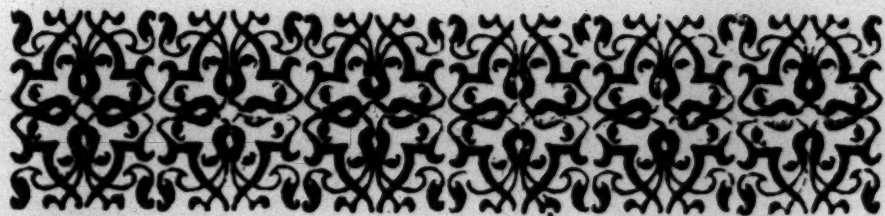
*Lastly, the Duke himselfe bannished, by
Pasifer the Flatterer, and Eldorna the harlot : the bloudy
murder of Eldorna, by her owne bastarde sonne Rastophel, who through
their meanes vsurped the gouernement: with a wonderfull description of
other Flatterers, and insolent persons : with many other memorable acci-
dents ; contayning wisdome, discretion and pollicie ; no lesse renowned
then profitable.*

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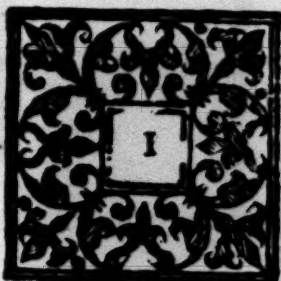
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*To the Right vertuous and Honou-
rable good Lady, the Lady Cicely Buckhurst,
Wife to the Right honorable
Lord Buckhurst.*



IF noble Ladies of auncient excellen-
cy (Right honorable) notwithstanding
conding glory, the shadowes of
eternal fame, following them : yet
neglected, yea misliked the consecra-
tion of renowne to their persons,
As famous *Cornelia*, the wife of *Tiberius Gracchus*, *Lulia*,
the honorable mate of *Pompei*, *Hipsicrates*, the wife of
Misbridates, *Artemesia*, *Æmia*, *Turia*, *Lucretia*, *Arria*,
and *Lentula* : some of them praised for ornament of
wisdom, some for aduised discretion regarded, some
much spoken of, and renowned for curteous intertain-
ment of straungers: some for zeale, and protection to
true widowhead, others for aduauncing holy virgini-
ty, some for true constancy, other some for glorious
chastity, if not committed by auncient writers to eter-
nal remembrance, yet their impenitrable merites from
cankred obliuion euermore imperishable: sithens (my
Honorable good Lady) by many degrees, my betters
are more able to illustrate your nobility, so neuerthe-
lesse, your naturall dowries from time to time, ynough
memorable, without registering any monumēt to your
person, besceming to inuest your selfe with the flowers

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of worthy vertues, the seeds by you first carefully sown, and with renoune continually reaped: your own dexterity sheweth, the fauour of the worlde reporteth, and Nobility in you deserueth the same: but if into these your inuitable giftes, I should by eger and singuler pursuite, attempt more then your fauourable wellliking pleaseth, of your honorable modesty should easily be vnregarded, by the worlde misliked, and accused: yet presuming your Honourable goodnesse, more then my owne worthines, doe Dedicate this famous and excellent historie of Ladye *Egeriaes* aduentures to your acceptation. No doubt, a princely and tragicall discourse. Although thorow myne owne vnmeetnes, the outward phrased as growing vpon harsh, heathy, rough and vnsauory ground, yet digging more deeper, inestimable treasures are discouered. Now lastly, assuring your excellent courtesie, with perfect iudgment of a direct playne meaning, to lenifie my bouldenes, as perswaded to shewe some sparke of humble gratitude. Although my vnkilfulnes therin, vnable to reach and attain the heighth of my duety. This committing your Ladiship to honorable daies, continuall blessings, quietnesse, peace and renowne.

Your honours in humble duety.

VV. C.

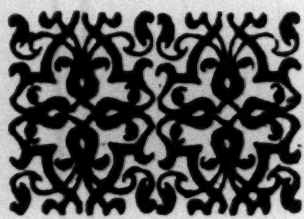
To the Reader.



*Uch naturall enuy
raineth in the minds
of arrogant persons,
not only disdaine the
trauels of other men,
yea the antiquitie of
auncient monuments, vtterly neglect
and dispise: laughing in their own sha-
dowes, esteeme nothing, which them-
selues repute euill, well handled: these
Mules of Asia, ietting in the Lions
skins of Archadia, strike euery man
with their mischieuous tayles: their
belching throats spewing out continual
venome, vnable to digest sweete and
wholesome siropes: Seeing nothing de-
lighteth them, but that which best plea-
seth them. If would they were knowne
by*

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*by them selues, either with Poliphe-
mus monstrous eye in their counte-
nance: Or Oophilus borne in their
browes, woulde bee more marked, and
their outragious throtes lesse poisoning
being shunned. To the good honest dis-
creet Reader therfore, I commit this
worthy history, the firste part of Ladie
Egeriaes aduentures without imbeli-
shing, faithfully set downe to the
fruitfull reading. Expect
the other two parts, with
as much expedition as
time may giue
leauē.*





LADIE EGERIA TO
her *Aduentures.*



Uch is the vncer-
taine condition, of wayne li-
uers in this worlde, confused-
ly blinded thoro' dangerous
delights, stopped from þe right
course, persue the marueilles of
wandering vanitie, cloked vn-
der false felicity, deny the steps
and right paths of honourable renowne, in which their
auncesters befoze walked: vnpluming the swift wings
of Golden Fame: Especially, and the rather, if nature
in nuptial life put on the bizarde of beauty, burning as
light torches in the dazeling eyes of suspicious men, so
daintely entised, ledde forth with affectioned allure-
ments, easely carried, or rather caught in the fowlers
snare by the sound of pleasant whistles. Whether it be
false fetches of deceivable flatterers or immoderate e-
ducation intermingled with ouermuch lust and libertie,
or distempered with the sweete sauce of amorous incli-
nation, or their hearts inoystened with venomous pra-
ctises of Stubborne will, or vnstayed senses feeding on
sundry other imperfections, or in that wit growing by
good aduise is absent, experience instructing her lawes
by long continuance, can not at euery wish be graced:

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noꝛ at euery becke bended either which appꝛoching
young greene peeres, no happy benefites noꝛ gentle fa-
uours of Foꝛtune discovered, left in the end at randoms
as vnfertile rough groundes without Culture: On the
contrary happeneth to others, regarding the Discipline
of Pꝛedecessoꝛs education, binde their affections, tye to-
geather the courses of Nature, walking in the straight
precincts of sober moderation, daylie aduaunce the No-
ble rich houses of royal estate, from which the first des-
cended, refuse headlong to drop into the fulsome stin-
king Cabins of bare Pꝛesants, oꝛ match the societie of
base boꝛne Vrats, depinging a pattern of glorious imi-
tation, god gouernement perswading, skilfull Vertue
instructing, become most happy, continually claime and
peaceably recover the inestimable pꝛice of rare pearles,
beset in magnificent countenance of continent graui-
tie, match swꝛth to honozable regarde, neuer retyꝛing to
foule ongle shame: these timely seasonable plants strait-
lie springing vpwꝛde (pꝛeserued by good guyding) will
at no time cꝛoꝛke noꝛ bende downwarde, are like the
glimsing Orient sunne stil moꝛuing, charely passeth a
course without impeachment of the blacke cloud oꝛ fu-
rious stoꝛme: All which appꝛouedly is knowne to fall
out, in the renowned dayes of young Duke Lamparus of
Hetruria, hauing in the first brunt and entraunce of his
Dukedome, many mischieuous calamities thoꝛow slip-
perie sleights of false subiectes, contrary to the last will
of Duke Wafrian his Father cast vpon him, attempting
the pꝛeferment of Lord Olesus his Brother, twins of e-
qual age and birth, by meanes wherof, vntrusty friends
on both sides: greate disquietnes and Ciuill discension
stꝛyred vp. The Dukedome at length thoꝛow wise
heads and careful Counsellors, respecting as wel their
owne pꝛiuate safetie as hurlie burlie like to insue, a
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greater inconvenience, cut off the cauling wit and cly-
ming minde of Lord Olesus, deservedly put him to death:
concluded, set down, the inheritable right to *Lampanus*
and his heiers successiue for ever. Whereas heretofore
Lampanus in his aduerse wretchednes found no consol-
ation, so now somewhat reuiued his benumbed spirites
and dead senses, in the downefal of his traiterous Bro-
ther. But principally taking a deeper rote and more
lustie courage in the faith and approued trustines of
beutiful *Egeria* his deare wife, who on her behalfe alto-
gether imployed a dutiful care, to adorne and set forth
her husbandes Princely house and scepter, with surpas-
sing glory, and riche renowne of vertue, beseming a fa-
mous Prince, but cheefly she so worthely exercising her
degree, raigned, excelled, and worthely abounded in all
Princely qualities: besides which, had such sure defence
(notwithstanding) her incomparable beautie against y
filthy rabble of loose Louers canoned the walles, and
well mured rampart of her chastitie. For that when
Duke *Lampanus* minde diuersly dispersed in the hurlie
hurlics of his Dukedome, in sharp conflices and bitter
skirmishes by popular inuasion. Nothing at al solaced
his befraughted mind, afflicted with continual passions
of care, as the true chastitie of Duches *Egerias* honora-
ble Nobilitie at home: but as rest and subiection of his
people increasing at length more and more: So *Lam-
panus* began to acquaint him selfe with more familiar
faour, attached with such hot boyles of *Egerias* loue:
could not stay his sliding steps in one sacred contentment,
fearing least others should loue y which him selfe liked,
or that *Egeria* fauored that, which hee falsly suspected:
his rouling eyes neuer satisfied with wholesome natu-
ralitie, partly of him selfe ledde with leuitie, but cheefly
incensed, thowow faithles falschood of one *Andromus*, be-

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ing of such prompt pregnancy, aduanced from lowe and
poore parentage to the Dukes Court: made worthy not
onely as one of his secreat Counsel, but renowned in
all dignities next vnto his person, closely stuffed the
Dukes insatiate conceited head, with such false driftes
deepely graued: yea as it were coniuured the spirite of
iclouste in the Dukes minde, against the good and gra-
tious Duchesse Egeria. These vniust occasions of grieve
settled, and unkindnes planted, coulde for no good oportu-
nitie offered, ever after be raced. *Lampanus* suncke into
the bottome of dispaier, fetching many deepe sighes,
with mosse displeasaunt countenaunce, uttereth these
wordes: Ah my vntrusty *Elyse* and Lady, wounding
my hidden looe, inforceth me to complaine: her treache-
rous infidelity, hath gaged my honour, discharged my
person from renoume, possessed dishonour to my scepter:
who is able to distribute nourishments of ioyes to my
consuming sorowes. Oh, I launce forth in the greedy
gulf of dolourous desolation, my staffe of *Marshall*
prowes is cracked in shivers: am I not led into volun-
tary seruitude: disceitfully bereft from the freedome of
nuptial life: sacrificed a slaue into the handes of traite-
rous berlets: Duke *Lampanus* not taking fast footing,
placed vpon the top of a lofty mountayne, throweth him
selfe downe vpon al pernicious aduentures: as a light
lodgel cast into a main stream without returne, caried
into a Million of Myles: For as *Lampanus* reeling too
and fro with Magical imaginations, so this false flat-
terer *Andromus*, hardened in shamelesse audacities, in-
tercountered him with a new onset, as if he very well
may thinke and say: Sithens waspes haue free recourse
to builde nests in Bulles noses, or if Spiders leaue to
webbe any more in thatcht houses, learne to drinke the
cleare brooke springes: or the *Scorpion* loathed to bath
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the Buffards blood, beginneth to scratch the Elephants eye. I wil shortly alter your affections, dirt your smell with a more quicker sent, and season your stomacke with sharper sauce, building his bever aloft, sometimes sleepeth, sometimes casteth his eyes downeward, viewing how practices take place, sometimes smyleth that boxes so charely weare cheapened: at last spying the sword of sedition swinging in the care, began to laugh aloud, but fearing his pastime would turne to peace, vomited out this Oracion following.

*Andromus Oration to the Duke, in
presence of certaine of the Lords.*



I protesting of loyal duety unto your worthy maiesty, can make publication of an honest man, if sorrowfull sighes powre out incessant floudes, blering the sharpe sight of my eyes, sodainely moue you into mutation, and change vnlooked for, in that neuer touched or found guilty of traiterous crime: assuring you the rather to regard my infallible faith in disclosing trueth, shall conuert mortall poisons to precious ointments, abolish frantick lecherous fits, from princely chastitie: ouer and besides the hazarding of my credit. In regard of true obedience, an vnspotted subiect, no wrinkle of disloyalty ever founde in my person: besides which, our mutual companionship tasting the pleasaunt ioyes and delightsome sweetes of tender youth, conoorded with infringeable amitie, am to respect carefull guidannce to your person, nearely looke into your esponsall bed. For be it knowne, if ignorance hath hitherto couched those iniurious wrongs,
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which continually approche, wounding and scarring your dignitie, the aforesaide premises considered, will not reuolt to procede, making declaration that *Lord Trauenna* an ancient enemy, to your Crowne and dignity, familiarly is crept into secrete and hidden fauour with *Duchess Egeria*, your honourable Spouse: vnder shadow of seruiceable duetie, bereueth your Maiestye from the fruite of true continencie. What disgestment may this be: yea, a painful Colley to our stomacks, hauing consecrated our liues to your protection, moste readily imploy our wisdomes in the negotiations of your Dukedome: by which nothing can bee brought to good passe, or straight direction finish perfect effects, except trecherous causes first revealed, suppressed and reneged, otherwise, your selfe suddenly intrapped, and we vnfortunatelie depriued of a wise and puissant prince, your subjects hearts withdrawne, al which preuented, whilst truely to my singuler credite hath vnnusled the facions of her face, your fauourable grace warned, intreated, and obtained, agreeable to our humble petitions, wil procede in present iustice.

Duke Lampanus vpon this Oration

*of Andremus, sent the Lord Trauenna and the
Duchess to prison.*



The Duke tickled in the care, began to scratch as though he had beene benomed with the creeping of a wild worme. For these swaſible argumēts did so insatiate and withdraw his flexible soule minde, tainted with a filthy natural pestilence of ielousie. A most vnhappy discease, once perſing the out,

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outwarde senses with softte softe by little and little
penitrateth the deep secretes of the tender heart. Es-
pecially where superfluous love went before, a incur-
able gaule followeth after. The Duke for a litle space, so
battered in the braines, as one cast into an extasie, deuoi-
ded from present vse of speeche, or as iustly may be spokē,
catcht in a fowls net, neglected the inuestigatiō of honest
truth, checked with sweete bayte of flattery: his minde
tossed with a roying whirlwind. A harde thing then to
gather greene leaues on this saples Oke, or sweet colour-
red flowres on the dead fallow. The winding *Alzme*
Rixipa with the nebbes of her forked heade, did so ni-
ble and gnaw his guts, as though he had beene purged
with some bitter *Coloquinida*, yet at length after reuo-
lution of innumerable thoughts, uttereth these words.
After trial made, plaine euidence taking place, I wil
trench these Treasons from my Court, as fulsome ma-
rish stime from sweet *Medowes* and pleasaunt springs.
I sweare by my scepter, I wil with merittes wind de-
liner these mischeuous malefactours into the maine
streame of terrible iustice. Duke *Lampanus* unable to
disgarboyle and vnlace the broyling heate of stomach,
with extreame outrage called for *Taratus*, Lorde high
Marshal, supported with strong garrison of best tryed
Marshal souldiers, to apprehend and keep in safe custo-
dy Lorde *Trasenna*: The Dukes sharpe commaunde-
ment put into bytter execution, the Lord *Trasenna* when
holding the weather so vnstable, such sharpe haystons
tuncking vpon his head battering and hauing the so-
niuersal spirites of lyfe, cast into a sudden amage: The
noble guiltles Duches *Egeria* oppressed with lyke mi-
serable wo and mortal mishap, beholding her selfe a
spectacle of dishonour to the world, although before the
supernal Iudge a cleare, perfect, and quiet conscience
with

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Without stayne or blotte of defamation: yet perplered
with sundy thoughts assailing her tender Noble brest,
in the time of her imprisonment overcome with fear-
ful conceit of waime death, by the furious frownes
of her husbando *Lampanus*. Dischereful countenaunce:
wryteth these verses with the blood of her mariage fin-
ger betweene two Wyther shelles.

Certaine verses written by Egeria to her husband, Duke Lampanus with the blood of her mariage finger.

Shall flattery range in open felde, to hazard honours name,
Shall guiles cause sharpe shaftes shoote out, to glaunce at hazards
Expell repulse, and scall no more to view our present shame, (ayme,
Friend Faith disclose the truth, Disdain hath wrought my smart,
Dispayre leane off thy murmuring fitt, sweet joy come ease my hart.
If Fraud should loose at large, the brydle of his will,
Then loue may bask to speake for taunts, to vtter out her skill.
Let due ieuenge march on with speede, my pleasant lyfe to kill,
Do not deny to search the depth, of falthoodes cruell hate,
Deare spouse let truth safegarde to cleare, my noble fame and state.

Duke Lampanus after receipt of Duchesse Egeriaes piti-
fal Letters, paynted with the freshe colours of true
amitie, mitigated and expelled some part of tyrannical
purpose, which he before intertayned and nourished in
a most vnquiet stomack, bethought with him selfe not
long to foster such forgeryes, and that *Andromus* the flat-
terer, either vpon wilful falshood, or ignorant mista-
king, poysoned his itching eares, sent a hasty messen-
ger, inuiting Lorde *Andromus* to his presence, vpon
whose apperaunce the Duke persweth his flatterie
as followeth.

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The Dukes speech to Andromus
the flatterer.



Cause constraineth as well to accuse, as dis-
 credite and exclaime on thy false induce-
 mentes and pestilent perswasions, least
 hereafter ouermuch applying my wits to
 beleue your whole stocke, race and ly-
 nage, may be continually deluded: now is pre-
 sired be-
 fore mine eyes your prone readines, to work mischeefe
 with cruel sweet flattery, deliuer the world to ticklish
 temptation, tasting hony, to prouoke others greedily to
 bayte on poyson. As I determine to way these causes
 in equal ballaunce of equitie, perceiuing your practise,
 circumuention and effusion of innocent blood, by fraude
 to saciate the greedy worme of priuate appetites. The
 imprisonment of my Spouse Lady Egeria, hapneth no-
 thing so pleasaunt to your stomaches: as sharpe eger
 tomentes which I determine to laye vpon your deme-
 rites, lothsome and bitter to be sustayned. Wherefore
 abolishing the baile of blind beliefe, wil esclarish my
 vnderstanding with deeper consideration: Lord Andro-
 mus the flatterer, wonderfully thorow the Dukes thun-
 dring voyce amazed, perceiuing his hateful mode, the
 dangerous ditch which easily he might leap into, with
 blushing countenance, bashfully began to speake.

Andromus after his flattering,
shamelessly excuseth himselfe.



I f remorse and scruple of good conscience,
 (most puissant & roial Duke) may reuiue
 my complaint, safelie conduct mee into
 your grace and fauoure: no such battred
 breach,

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breach, either of accusation, or discredit, shal in any be-
halfe scarre or wounde the tip of honour. My pure
heart and inuiolable spirit of fidelity neuer blemished,
can not now learne the dedication of soule and bodie
to voluntary vilany, besides the sharpe tortures for such
expiable offences, in the frowning wrath and violent
displeasure of a mighty prince iustly to be indured, nei-
ther can equal faith, which hath euermore matcheably
concorded our meete ages, permit any such ingratitude
to nestle within any secret corner of my stomach, your
magnificent wysedome and high vnderstanding, so wel
acquainted in worldly affayres, narrowly taking vieto
vpon fals inducements, and cauling conueiaunces, wil
be moued, nor enforced on either side. Wherefore I know
your mighty puissaunce not amazed, frankly wil treat
and equally trace out the playne path, which by me first
thorowly paced to your treadinges. I humbly beseech
you (Oh noble Duke) notwithstanding sinister floun-
ders, that misbelæse with draw not your present safe-
garde, from most trusty friendes, into the maine perill
of traiterous enemyes. For if search of these causes, di-
ligently sedomed to the bottome, and boyed to the pyth,
more pernicious conspiracions, would haue euent then
presupposed, either by vniuersall promulgation, or se-
creat opinion: if not other wayes Rayed, the alteration
of examinations, contrarietie and vnlykelihood in cau-
sal circumstance, the desedue impossibilities by inqui-
sitours vnplayn dealinges: All which, yeeldeth aboun-
daunt effectes to the iust maintenaunce of my expected
desire. Aboundaunt matter yeeldeth daunger to your
person, if not duely prevented, an open gappe to your
Dukedome: besides al which, a mortal pryute hatred
lurking in their hearts against vs your long approued
freends, which onely tender the welfare and most prof-
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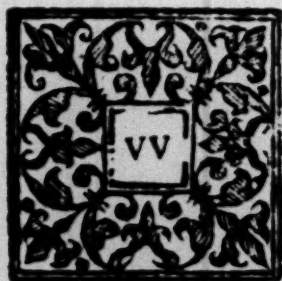
perous preservation of your royal person : why shal adulations miscarry your noble minde. Doe not thinke (Oh noble Duke) that I in disfauour of singuler contentment, wil deliuer the worlde to ticklish murmuration, committing such an action that reprochfully may bashe me with dishonourable slanders, during the passage of this transitory dayn life : I wil neuer make such acceptation of my selfe, presently to pleasure priue desires, that obloquy shal neuer depart my honour and house, shal I now tast hony? and ever after drinke deadly payson : notable defamed to the worlde, a shadow of perpetual suspicion impayze and blemish my good daies with immortal ignobilitie. Why shoulde the thirst of yre and rage so furiously inflame me, to bleare the reputation of a royal Duches, vnto whome I stand obliged in al humble seruice? These causes onely excepted. Although I thought to vnconch the cloaked couertures and darke clouds hanging ouer the state of your seigniorie : yet my minde neuer was so alienated from gratitude to wishe the imprisonment of my Lady and mistress, vnto whom I dedicated my humble spirits, neuer could be surprisid or chaunged, by any straunge discourses of mortal men. But no pleasure coulde affect me, her beauty besides your selfe ministring pleasant delights to others, perceiuing a frozen heart opposed to a melting minde? How could I dissemble such a greefe, how could I finishe a dutiful contentment in your seruiceable affayres : If paynted bizardes shoulde haue beene pulled from their faces by others, silence closing my lips, your displeasure had fallen out so haples, as the same neither by oportunitie, or iust occasion coulde be reiterated. If I dispoined and polluted with the breach of dishonesty, a vtterer of false speeches, a deuiler of fabulous dysties : Let me be rewarded as a tray-

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tour thzowen out as an open reuenge to the biew of the world : yea let me taste the most bitter and vntasteful Cup that can be tempered for my desertes : Wherefore (Oh noble Duke) clarifie your vnderstanding more clearer then the glistering crystal. For if I *Andromus* be found a flatterer, or one that hunteth after princely fauour, vilanously aspying and gaping after dignities and promotions, let him perish, otherwyle lincke and knit him, in the fast bond, which tender age and common familiarity, hauing experience, one towarde another, in perfect natural friendships.

The Duches and Lord Trauenna

are brought out of pryson and
examined.

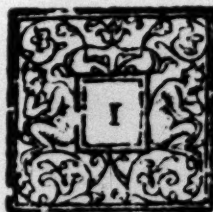


When *Andromus* had once agayne inchaunted the Duke within the lystes of his cirkle, his head burned more hotter with heate of ielosie then before, entring into sodaine eager persuite of the matter, by Letters misgine, commaunded *Lorde Torratius* high marshall, to bring forth the Duches and Lord *Trauenna* seuerally to be examined, before the counsel and Judges : The Duches in making her aunswere, after long and secreat causes, debated and layde to her charge, besides the clearing her selfe by particuler ministracion of certayne articles : as purgations, sharpe glisters, and bytter Syrops ouercom; at last, louinglye did imbrace and kisse, her husband Duke *Lampanus* liuely picture, which hanging about her necke, by a fayer chayne and rundle of Gold, powring out many bitter teares, to the wonderful greefe and admiration of those, that behelde,
humbly

to her Aduentures.

humbly desired pardon of the councell and Judges, to vse some wordes in her owne behalfe, so that she might not abuse their pacience, it imported great waight, that as she was an innocent, hauing a guiltlesse heart, an absolute conscience, freely discharged, from al those iniust accusations, cleare her selfe. *Moretus* the iudge in the name of the whole counsel and Judges, stode vp and sayd. *Worthy Duches*, sithens you are publicquely defamed and accused, it is contrary to law and iustice, that you priuately should be condemned. We therefore yeeld you our free authoritie, openly to honest your honorable, and ancient credite: the harmelesse Duches in most seuerer bold countenaunce, with sundry sayre amiable syztes in her cheekes, her browes beset lyke the precious *Salopyn*, of *Africa*, her white yuozie trembling handes like the dryuen snow, her body euen framed and fashioned of the fine *Virgin ware*, spake as followeth.

The Duches Oration.



If the accomplishment of my owne wil, (Right honorable Lords) might prepare proofe sufficient to moue your affections, or if vnmeasured greefe of heart, could atchieue a vertuous motion, bende your attentions, readilie to heare: eyther if f.oble blood of prediceffors, or the institution of a right posterity, might increase good grace to your spirites, I woulde nothing doubt, but the ornament of your wisdomie, easely can repel these false aduentures to my person, discouer the presumption of my vncquals, which thozow vnruly rapping, bethinke how to cut of the sweet verdure, and tender

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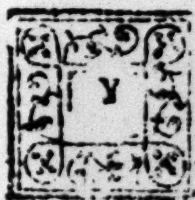
der greennesse of my young yeares : you Noble Sena-
tors, arme me from their hurtes, defend and garde me,
from their dreadful conspiracies, succoure and support
me with honorable iustice, they do assault me, with mi-
sery, they vsurpe tyrannical villany against me. These
flatterers by exercising their iniuries, wold eate vp, de-
uour and scatter the seignioꝝ of our Dukedom, they o-
pen a wyde gap of diuision betweene me and my Lord,
prepare entraunce for them selues, but I wishe sepe-
ration of soule with a thousand toꝝments from my body,
if euer I ouerturned my spousal chastetie, the which I
haue alwayes carefully kept, religiously preserved, to
my deare Lord and husband without violation : if then
these my wordes can molifie your hearts, chaunge your
mindes, moderate your sentences, I must repute you
merciful men, equal Iudges with al discretion, sounde
searchers of truth, wherfoze haue mercy vpon me I say,
haue mercy vpon the simplicity of a weake woman,
traiterously abused.

These wordes of the good Duches, so netled the coun-
sellours and Iudges eares, altogeather perswaded of
her vertuous direct dealinges, with one consultation
agreed to be the preterred vengeance of some aspyzing
traitour, peruerting and vnquieting the Dukes mind,
but one of the Iudges named *Moretus*, in the name of al
the rest, spake as followeth.



Fudge

to her *Aduentures.*
Judge Moretus Oration to
the Duches.



Our modesty (noble Duches) overtaketh vs willing to prostrate our selues before the Lord our Duke, fauourably to infranchise you within the priuiledge and liberty of his good grace and wel liking. Humilitie doth illustrate and gloriously aduance your cause with open truneth, gyueth euidence without impeachment, to stay vs from extremitie of Law: if it were in vs, to moliffe the harde minde of our Lorde and Duke, whose heade no doubt marcheth in many fantasies against you: we had addressed our affections, to iustifie a good work. In the meane while, were it no lesse then notable wisdome, to reproue fond vanitie, as surging sensualities, disframing and perplexing your accustomed good order, and government, leaue you in the wyde mouth of misery without consolation, your affections hazarded with sodaine ouerthrow: penured with compunction, extenuated with teares, every holwe in danger of dispoyle. But let discretion, a most seruiceable handmayde to patience, aduantage to staye you from slippery sydinges, againste the incountring assault of frowning tribulation: the Heauens neuer so cleare, then after they be scoured from raynie influences, what more puerer then Golde, burnished, beaten, and tryed. Wherefore (Noble Duches) resolute this a comfort to your mind, beeing a deceitful action, a colourable transperie, your enemies can not escape condigne torment, they are within the lysses of due vengeance: the Gods wil neuer excuse so wretched a wickednesse. When Queene *Lassana* in *Africa*, vneulpable, accursed, reiected and detested before her husband the King, By the

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spirite of contagion had quiet possession of her enemies,
bereft from supernal felicities to infernal tormentes.
Camera Queene of *Egypt*, hauing a hundred thousande
sorowes lodged in her chaste minde, by rigour of te-
merarious iustice, rent and tozne a sunder, by wyld
Horses, made a dolourous example, euen in the howel
of Death, an host or army of wayward angry Waspes
with sharpe stinging Daggers in their Tayles in o-
pen viewe, destroyed and subuerted her ennemyes.
An employe of worthye warning againste al false
perjured accusers, a sodayne seuerity againste suche
which exercise the greuous cryme of tyrannical fury,
flattering Princes eares by infringing, violating holy
and ciuil constitutions, set downe by god lawmakers.
Let me not forget the noble *Egyptian Pantaron*, a whol-
some law maker, that who so euer bowed a false testi-
mony, shoulde be led and slayne as a Calse in the Cham-
bles, his skin flawed, his head set vp as a signe of a vi-
lanous murder, a rauisher of holy chastity, his corpes
thzowen to the Kinges houndes, greedely to be deuou-
red and eaten, shoulde feele smartful terrour, without
supportation. Infinite examples might be recovered a-
mong the radiant flourishing Ladyes, inspyred with a
boundant gyftes of vertue. I could tumble out many
folde warninges, but chiefly preferring before your eyes,
the misery, teares, immeasurable anguishes of Lady
Alana, a Paragon and myrrour of continual continen-
cie: her portion was veration, and vnrestfulnes, insati-
able, bereft from chaste integrity and renowned honoz.
Such proofe appeared by rare and exquisite prudence,
notwithstanding *Agonions* death, staied her cogitations,
vpon the fauourable Gods. For that greedy Beares as
Lieutenants of iustice, deuoured her enemyes. As cor-
rection of reason seemed colde in the eyes of men, so ri-
gour

to her Aduentures.

gour of reuengement, appaled contempt, vnbypdeled liberty, and lawles luste was the onely iuste punishment thzalled. For if right by immortal meanes, were not mayntained: violence, dissimulation, deceitful flatteries would flourish among mortal men, to the subuersion of Monarchies, inquietaions of Kinges houses, terrible cryes in iudgement seates, destruction of Cities, continual ouerturning of common wealthes: Wherefore honourable Ladye, if righteous honestie of your cause be founded vpon a sure rocke, mercye shal be gayned. For malice, extremitie, vanquished by modestie, thzale, dome depriued by liberty: this resting our selues vntil the Dukes minde and pleasure be further knowne herein.

The Duches thank fulnesse and great bountie to the Iudges, for their vertuous instructions.



After this Oration pronounced, the Duches expressed true signes of holy humilitie, and precious pacience, pulling from her Golden lockes certayne sumptuous oriental pearles, and rich iewels, hanging in most beautiful brightnes: gaue them to Iudge Moretus, saying. I doe not (honorable and wise Iudge) impart these gifts and gentle rewards as a bribe, couertly to balance my cause, but as prowe of good wil, and remuneration for your vertuous instructions, lessoning me to rest and prepare my selfe within the wel warded walles of peaceable tranquillitie: whether I be solaced with longer ioyes of vital mortallities, or quickly resolved into the dunghil of death, short paynes consumate, innocencie shal infinitely mortallize

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my cause. Wherefore whatsoener hapneth, no mutation shal aduersly relect my prefired purpose.

The Fudges assemble them selues to-

*gether in a secreat place, to haue enery ones opinion
what were best to be atchined for Duches
Egeria and Lord Trauennaes
enlargement.*



He Councellers and Judges forthwith, conuayed them selues into a secreat place, eury one deliuered his opinion, measuring out a direct platforme for her enlargement. Al which proceeded as wel of true loue to vertue, as plaine opinion of her innocencie. But after long and manye consultations what was expedient to be finished in these waighty affayres, with general voyce concluded to write to the Duke, aswel attempting an alteration of his discontented minde and purpose, as by the same means, bewray the falsehood and flatterie of Lord Andromus.

The Counselles Letters to the Duke.



If vnfayned affections that subiects bear to the waightie affayres of common wealth (can moue Right Soueraigne Duke) or the pursuing of a Duches innocencie, gaine estimation to your person, or mercifull memory of holy hote, conuincting your inseperable loue one with an other, ratifie our supplications, we assured of your vertue, wisdom, & circumspection,

to her Adventures.

speciation, may vnamazedly set downe our iudicial opinion and sound sentence before you, as wel by louing admonishment, as request, lenitie honorable *Egerias* cause, your nuptial spouse, polisse and colocate those contracted arteries in right course, stretch forth your shyncking sinewes, knit these vniopnted bones in Anathomical description. For why should your Noble grace halt adcreeped man, hauing liuelie limmes to vse and inioye. Why should you be dismembred, hauing al the partes and frames of natural proportion reedified in your person: whilst you may raunge and rule with inestimable glory and renown: why should you dedicate your selfe a pointing stocke of infamie to foraine enemies, a domestical contempt to your owne subiectes, Let naturall regarde perswade you to medicinable helpes, drine out those pernicious poysens, which vnnatural subiectes haue lodged in your brest, inchaunting you with intermingled drenches. Which except you resborte their frabulent suggestions: the whole state of your seignorie may fal to ineuitable hazarde. These premises considered, lieth vs vpon to ingender a better contentation, that speedely you frequent the chaste conuersation of noble Duches *Egeria*, whose honorable vndefiled softe steppes we haue made good trial of, to the hope of your fauour, her speedy deliuerie and iuste discharge of our dueties: so that dispatching this good Duches from her cruel conditions of lyfe, by lawfull libertie. No greater fruites of liberal bounty, in lew of our true seruice, can yeelde better satisfaction then our requestes graunted.

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After the Counsels Letters to the

Duke, Andromus the flatterer brought Lady Eldorna to his
presence, by whose flatteries the Dukes letters
were obtained for Egeriaes ar-
raignment.



These Letters received by the Duke,
nothing coulde preuaile to enlarge
her seruitude, For Lorde Andromus
the flatterer, brought Lady Eldorna
his Sister into presence for a victw,
whose fresh loue, incomparable beautie,
nursed hidden confirmations, and
affiduat ioyes, conforming & fashioning him to a new
assent: his appetite extenuated from ancient grace of roial
Egeria, she wholly dissaoured in his sight, did thinke
time so slowd, until the tender thred of her life, which
thorow honorable and Princely tract of time, had before
beene spun and reeled, were quite cut off. The Dukes
minde obscured with thicke fogges of flattery, ouer-
whelmed into a pernicious gulfe, of palpable darknes:
his disease of ielousie proving incurable, coulde neither
thorow earnest loue of his Duches be helped, nor tho-
row fidelity by long seruice, of learned Councillers and
graue Judges perswaded. Oh it is a world to beholde
when flattering deceiuers can temper delicate drincks,
after euery mans appetite, by cunning art couer rapi-
nous extortion, stop wisdomes cares by false inchaunt-
ments, subuert true conscience by wrongfull insinua-
tion, ambition traueling the deepest waters snareth
the waightiest fish. False Andromus neglected babling
flame, sounding her trumpe of terroure thorow al the
parts, Prouinces, Ilands, Townes and Cities in the
Duke,

to her *Adventures*.

Dukedome of Hetruvia. The Duke on the other side, mistrusted not bulgar reportes of populer men, neither feared the overthrow of his Dukedome by such a division, nor regarded the patient penitenciarie mind of good *Egeria*, sendeth forth by wytyng, a sharpe edict for arraignment, sentence of death, against Duches *Egeria* and Lord *Tranenna*, deputing *Andromus* the flatterer to interview the speedy dispatchment hereof. The tenure of the Dukes letters as followeth.

The Dukes Letter.



If wild spreading yvie, ruinate the wals of my house: yea reaching within the windowes of my secreat chamber. Were it not necessary to be vnrooted and plucked vp: If in pleasant Gardens one over-spreading weed, disorder and deforme odiferous gallant flowers, requisitly are they to be destroyed. If attempts be at the firste tollerated, at last wil prostrate and dissolve my person, prejudice and hurt the natural estate of my people and subiects. And although beauty and many ornaments in *Egeria* might easely styre vp, and inflame a mopish minde to behold her sayned holinesse. Yet one filthy staine exulcerateth and blemisheth all the rest: One wrinkle in *Apelles* Tinsel, blurred the costly Tables of *Bacchus*. Doth not one vnlawery corner pester a whole House: One loathsome odour, overcome many costly and precious ornaments: Why are you then so blindly conducted into the centree of *Egerias* deceits, plagued with her dissembling wordes: allured with her pestilent popsons: inuested within the seigniorie of her shadowes: what doe you repute her a demigod: do you think her a spirit of heauen?

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heaven: Is she twice and thrise blest, and my selfe a thousand times abused: As I am fully determined to punish her nefarious lyfe: so the blew Cloudes of her lewd lining, shall neuer hereafter obscure my kingdom: Let it not therefore (O noble Counsellors and Iudges) breed no discontentment in you, if I purpose to leaue the shadowing hills of *Salpina*, with the lowe fruitful valeis of *Latropos*. Why do you imagine that I can be overcome with any mans flatterie, my wits lightly caried, deceiued and mocked without god and due proufe. All which great iniurie to my person, impeachment to my Dukedome, impetfection to my people: If you perseuer in this sinister iudgement, how can your dueties be discharged: How can you directly proceed, to win the price and garland of my fauour, a remuneration to your service: The performace of my pleasure herein, shall neuer deuoyde me from requital, doubting nothing but vpon present processe. I bid you farewell.

Andromus the flatterer, with two base

Gentle men suborned to sweare against Duches Egeria and Lord Trauenna, the woful cry of the whole Dominion against Andromus the flatterer.



After this sharpe glyster, the Counsellors and Iudges participated their severall affections a like: All their loyes conuerted, to sorrowful mourning, their indissoluble amitie, altered to sodaine misadventures, their pleasures to gadding fantasies. Euery one distract in vnderstanding, ready to cast him selfe headlong into the solitary desarts of dispaire.

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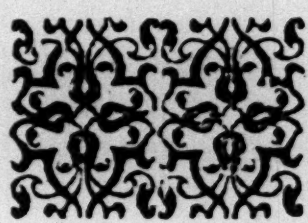
Lord Trauennaes Oration,



Thinke not Right Honorable assemblie, vain words, and balauncing speech, at this sodaine moiment, shall put in hazard the euerlasting destruction of my spirit: O the keane sharp two edged knife, which fatal soes haue fearefully drawn out, moue me to impatience: O vituperious shames, which mercilesse manquellers with mortal burthens loade me, craue pittie at their handes. No, no: innocencie doth disswade my offensive minde. Knowing this pleasure and worldly contentations must pay a tribute. I am not ignorant, my tender body, which here liued delicately, must bee discharged: wee must seeke after a ghostly contemplacion, neuer fauouring oure desires: we must take our iourney and marriners boiage, to the haue of true protection. When the odious Winters are ouerpast, the gallant glad some sweet Sommers appoach. After bitter afflictions and sorrowful taste, assured felicitie is expected: this life is a wandring boyage, protruding vs, to many inordinate aduentures, a mercilesse sea, which oftentimes vomiteth vs into the mouth of prying Pirates, dashing vs vpon infractiō of dangerous shipwrack. And Athens duety tieth mee inexcusably to solemnize an honorable memorie of this afflicted vertuous Ladye Egeria, absolutely deliuer out a true discharge of her chastitie, a preservation of mine owne credite and honesty, wel knowing her corpes sacrificed, a sauozie immolation, shall cry out, for swift execution of vengeance, vpon the heads of iniust betrayers. For if euer I presumed her worthy maiestical person, let this Ghost of mine be deliuered a Pasture for infernal Wormes to gnaw

to her Aduentures.

The Duches and Loyde *Tranenna*, according to the Dukes straight pzecept called swyth, were tryed vpon the pzoofe of their accusation. Loyd *Andromus* the flatterer with two others, *Hellues*, and *Syngaton*, base Gentlemen, did sweare by the immortal power, that the filthy fact of Treacherie was perpetrated and committed, betwene *Egeria* and Loyd *Tranenna*, against the Dukes person. After this detestable botarie protested, *Moretus* the Judge, frowning his browes, grinning his teeth, cryed out. Oh wretched betrayer of innocent blood. Although they lipp and taste a little of bitter mortal sops: yet I feare not, but hastily they shall swallow downe euerlasting sweet syropes. Let vs put on mourning hailes, a good woman is taken from vs, Oh Hypocrites, Oh Deuilles and friends of impietie, as fountaines of teares, burste out, bedewing the Counsellors cheekes. So *Moretus* fell downe starke dead, could hardly be recovered for a long space. The like clamour and piteous lamentation was in the whole Region rounde about. Crying wo worth the time, that such a pestilent wretch as *Andromus* shoulde liue. In the midst of this mone making, and sorrowfull sighing, Loyde *Tranenna* desired the Counsellors and Judges, to utter some speeches in his owne behalfe, handeling and preferring the Testimony of a good conscience, for all posterities following.



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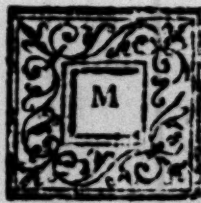
gnaw vpon. O if my senses had beene arrogantly satisfied with any such impious infection, the exercising of her good vertues, might easely appal my detestable desires: yea and disclose the same, in regarde of her safeguard and my confusion. But my ready inceptable obeyesance to her commaundement, which is the well conditioned nature of a trusty seruaunt, commenceth exceptable thzale vpon vs both. I perceiue the estate of her calling, the race of her family, the royaltie of her degree is neglected, nothing respected, but quite forgotten. It is manifest, although this noble Duches *Egeria*, safely would maintaine her honoz, lul you a sleepe, with pitiful cries, yet direct circumstance shal publish a manifest veritie. But wo worth the villaine which first attempted the ignomye of *Egerias* good name, the utter subuersion of her renoune, with craftie charmes, flattering incensing, and misleading Duke *Lampanus*, & gods wil not slow to requite these vilanies. these spitefull speeches blazed, in euery cozner, coast, and Countrie. If her inculpable demeanours, brought in question thorowe my misusage: O if does enuiously thirsting to sucke my blood, shoulde frowne to indamnifie my good Lady *Egeria*, let a dubble death for her deliuerance be layd vpon my life: let my sorrowes be twise imbued, to deminish her paines: let the price and ransom of her pietie, rest vpon my carrion carkas, a graue and pit to finish Lady *Egerias* sorrowes: if this may guide you to plaine euident truth, no man hereafter may pretend cause of ignorance. This as a witnes of my last will, hauing enioyed this worlde twentie sixe yeares, sufficiently approuing the vanities thereof, although a heauy spectacle, yet willing to resigne this life to a more better hope. And as my yong forpast life, not without excuse, so wil I neuer blush,

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or couer my face, as one suspected or blotted of any such
criminal desert, of which I am now condemned. Fare
ye moze better then my selfe.

Iudge Alphoes counselleth Lord Tra-

*uenna, to challenge combat with Andromus
the flatterer.*



Oretus the iudge, as a man depriued of his
speech, neither could nor would, for inward
sorrow utter any one worde. Humaine
greife powdered downe fro his eyes streams
and flouds of aboundaunt teares, manife-
sting intier good wil, and louing affection hee bare to
truth and iustice, whom renowned parentage with ho-
nourable education, nursed and fostered to ripe age, in a
short moment, deliuered to cruel vnnatural death. An
other iudge named *Alphoes*, stood vp in iudgement place
and sayd, gracious Duches & honozable Lord *Trauenna*,
we can not release nor help your miseries, behoueth vs
precisely to fulfil the Dukess commaundement, deuoyde
our selues from blame, the neglect wherof, incur seuer
penaltie of contempt, much hindzing vs, nothing fur-
thering you, wrapped in your miseries, inflicted with
the like sharpe rod of punishment: It were not vnmeet
(Lord *Trauenna*) for the laker and gain of condigne esti-
mation and honozable fame, to challenge combat with
Andromus, run a course of marshal war, in fauour of ver-
tuous innocencie, an aduocate and true refuge approu-
uing, reuealing to the world your giltles perfection, for
Andromus deuices in ptesence of vs al, haue spit forth
most vile words of despite, blemishing & ouerthrowing
your credite, so safeguard, salue, purge, & notifie before the
face of men, your true intention & direct dealings. frame
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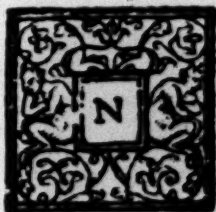
to her Aduentures.

to the same effect, a supplication to the Dukes maiesty, and your meet motion herein taking repulse. We the estates of this realme here present, will eternally Chronicle your veritable indeuour in the same.

Lord Trauenna comforted in this counsel, thought every month a day, vntil attempt were giuen to y^e fauor of his suit, & that Andromus his enemy prouoked. These inuentions subtilly shaped, lay looking for a more suple temperature. A hie of hornets in y^e mean while buzzed in Andromus ears, & a fardle of suspicions, lodged in his head.

The Lord Trauenaes supplication to

*Duke Lampanus, wherein he challengeth combat
with Andromus the flatterer.*

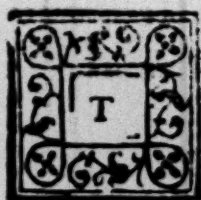


Nothing doubting but franke libertie, and familiar demeanour you beare to marshall p^{ro}uises, (Right noble Duke) giueth place to equity, fauoreth honest attempts, squareth and measureth out an honorable glorious meanes, for wel deseruers, reuerteth and canseth your conceits to a more better and settled opinion. If your royal person were benoumed thow my counterfeit service, let me be attached with the scourge of sinister penal iudgement: so that reasonable desires first sauoured, forwarde and wil both burning in the entrails of my hart, in trial of my honesty: your permission may haue free accesse, to fight with y^e mischieuous varlet & false flatterer Andromus, in disp^{ro}uise of his hidden & cloaked falshood. The eternal power wil not smile at my vniust quarrel: if his ground work wel layd, and foundation sure, his intent perfected y^e better: the advantage or displeasure hereof weighed, considered, is leui-
ed on either of vs, & also disgorge out of our stomacks, y^e

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rancoured filth of enuie; marchandise repentance for
naughty actions of a deare price. For he that dare com-
mit these wrongs openly, is not abashed to auow them
openly. He that launcheth in the puddle of disorde,
knoweth a clear passage to escape. Wherefore (oh Noble
Duke) let the holy fountaine of merciful pittie streame
out, moue you to graunt our requestes.

The Dukes motion to Lord Andro- mus the flatterer, to fight combat with Lorde Trauenna.



The Duke receiuing this supplication,
thought a very deadly bane, prepared a-
gainst Lord Andromus, yet the euacuation
of his request, would greatly preiudice ho-
nour. For that popular wits raunging
with implacable fury, if not politickly suppressed, fea-
red common assemblies & fantastical factions. Further-
more foreseeing the euill successe, y^e Andromus had serued
but a sorry saint, if soyled therein, greatly tending his
debilitie, the rather for the especial loue, which lurked
in his brest towards sayer Eldorna, on whose poisoned
sweetnes, he now bayted and fed vpon: would rather
apply with courtesie to her humour, then extract her
fresh daintie blood with unkindnesse. Duke Lampanus
dissembling an outward respect to hono^r. Although in
deed a net of fraudulent couen, with pleasaunt smiling
countenance made motion to Andromus, as wel for ex-
pressing of fame, as publishing of faith, to combat with
Trauenna. Andromus astonished in the Dukes request,
loth to perfo^rme his motion, stroken into sodaine
dumps, as one that had lost his speeche, by meanes of
some continuall catarrh and reuome distilling from his
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busie braines. After great pause and long stay, spake
to the Duke.

Andromus yeeldeth very faintly vn-

*to the Dukes request, the Duke perceiving it, appointeth
one Nesto, a slave in his stead: and pro-
claymeth the day of combat.*

I will not refuse the accomplishment of any
thing, in satisfaction of your commande-
ment. As it is not unknowne to your wor-
thy maiesty. Although your will and
pleasure seemeth strange and vnus-
uourable adventure, a true subiect shoulde hazarde
with a false traitour, the will hereof in you, a moste
vnikind discourtesie: the perfozmaunce in my selfe, be-
rie difficult. This *Andromus* sometimes mum, some-
times ouer talcative, sometimes lustie, sometimes a
coward, so that swinging betweene fraud and feare, re-
presented an offer. The Duke procuring a day of com-
bate, published thozow out the whole Land, as follow-
eth. By *Lampanus* in long suffering of deuine fortune,
Prince, Duke, and cheefe Ruler in all the partes and
dominions of *Hetruria*. Whereas y^e determined purpose,
of y^e valiant handy Noble Gentleman, Lord *Andromus*:
y^e eternal power mouing happy euent, is to defend him
selfe against y^e miserable condemned catiffe *Trauenna*, a
fable for the worlde to gaze on, an infamous repulsed
wretch, of notable dishonoz, harbouring long treasons
against my person, subiects, and dominion in his heart:
in excuse of his lewde life, chalengeth against my god
subiect, Lord *Andromus*, for his best aduauntage, open
warre. Unto whose suppoztation in fauour of aunci-
ent pzooves I haue yeelded. But as touching *Egeria*,

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no combate shal preuaile oꝛ acquite her disgrace, no liberty of speech can molifie, intreat, oꝛ make intercession in her cause, neither gaine of moꝛtal benefites pardon her offences. *Lampanus* did reckon no paines ill bestowed in blasphemie and execration of *Egeria*, thinking to bring her in hatred with common sort of people thereby. And also very much thyrsted after *Egerias* blood, by vnchaste young *Eldorna*: euery day sealed the Dukes lips, with so many loue kisses, as her suit coulde neither be frustrated, noꝛ at no time foꝛgotten: her intisement interchased his minde with vnrenocable wronges, both he and *Andromus*, rousing in an vnity of mischiefe, with plausible speeches flattered, and priuily did wage one *Necto*, a slave ful of pouerty, soꝛe broken in labours, yet a lusty tall fellow, glad to enter the Dukes fauour, to the accomplishment of any exploite foꝛ gaines: in receipt of one thousand floꝛence, tooke vpon him the name and person of *Andromus*, to fight combate with loꝛd *Trauenna*, being of equal proportion and stature. Had choyce in the Kings armery, sitting him selfe foꝛ his owne defence, in the surest and best coat: and the like passage into the Dukes stable, foꝛ choyce of the most couragious courser. *Necto* in surest & seemliest oꝛder thus furnished, the vse of the mony comforting his wife and childeꝛen, committed him selfe to y^e freendship oꝛ malice of foꝛtunes fate. In name of *Andromus*, summoned loꝛd *Trauenna*, to a bow and discharge his challenge. The Loꝛd *Trauenna* ioyful of these netwes, as well in al respects appointed, aduanced him selfe, reioycing that comely vertue woulde increase and adorne hyning honour in his person. Nothing doubting the due execution of his aduenture, was boꝛne in a noble familie, valiant, wel exercised in feates of armes, reputed the goodliest Gentleman in the vniuersal country of *Hetruria*. His courting delights
with

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with al coyes and trickes, resting in fantasie of vayne
youth, now layd aside: inwardly comforted with inuiol-
lable vnspotted mind, closed vp in true and simple faith
against the driftes of mortal attempts: besides which,
put on liuelyhood and inuincible firme appoyned mag-
nanimitie of body. And sithens it is neither against ho-
nour nor honesty, but rather mouing the comfortlesse
creature Duches Egeria, to the common opinion of good
hope, whollie despising this vaine life, desired doleful
death hastely to finishe her calamities. Lord Trauenna
the night before the combat tryed, in most delicate sweet
voyce, in the hearing of the Duches, beeing both Pryso-
ners within the Castle of Oleria, a wal betweene their
seuerall lodgings, song these Verses.

*Lord Trauenna the night before the
combate tryed, song these verses in the hearing of Duches
Egeria, she being (as it were) dismayed, wishing
death to finish her calamities.*

THe golden twist, some better strength shall finde,
Reuenge shall prooue, and truth in time appeare:
If price may prayse, the ioyes of my minde,
Then bytter springes, shall chaunge to waters cleare:
Go packe dispaier, thy fight I do disdain,
My sympathy, shall make me glad and faine.

Conceit dislodge, thy paynes with pleasures fill,
Dispoyle conuay, thy selfe from flattering teares:
Aduise go stay, the steps of wandring will,
Hazard haskes, in sops of bytter teares:
No coward Capitaine, wins a stately fort,
No rotten Barke, arriues a pleasant Port.

Abuse pursues, a Prince to overthrow,
Pale death doth threat, his venome seedes will sow:

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Assurance tels, the secrets of my hart,
That right shal rap, the frontiers of her foe,
Consult no more, darke shal not hinder light,
You secret depths, march on in open light.

Oh sacred Heauens, infranches my desire,
To lenise, Andromus spitefull mayne,
Can wislie dispose, my centre to aspire,
Can pliant will, take pittie on her payne.
Clime vp the top, of flatterers vamerling wall:
Adventure on, with hasty steps to pitch his cruell fall.

Good lucke conduct, each mind for to content,
Debate at large, a signe for our defence,
Yerke sighing sobs, to purpose lewdly bent
That life to death, may soone dispatch vs hence.
If Lady Egeria, euer liued so,
Let graueled graue, be a cradle for her wo.

Stay beauty braue; clyme vp thy steps no hyer,
Suspicion leaue, to vex such worthy wights,
Chast Dame, disgorge thy selfe from gallant tyer,
Go gaze and veiw, who list thy proud delights,
Flie out good fame, spread on thy golden wing,
Complaint frame out, this cleagy to sing.

Shal motion meet, such a cruell deed,
Can pride ambuth, the host of haplesse foes,
Oh hagar heart, do not refuse to bleed,
The plant a Dock, vnroot a smelling Rose.
To root the grape, destroyes the perfect Vine,
VVho saues the sap, that pils the fallage rync.

Repentaunce softly comes, with foule renowne,
Leasure lurkes, with grieisly face to swage,
Exployt lytes vp aloft his worthy crowne,
and slaundrous sleights, digest thy sodayne rage:
Temerity would, his sayned lookes disguise,
So pardons friendly, grace I do despise.

The

to her *Adventures.*

The order of the Lorde Trauennas

going to fight combat with Necto, in
steed of Andromus



In the morning following, leaue taken
of Duches *Egeria*. Tarratus Lorde high
Marshal in soueraigne iustice, calleth
forth Lord *Trauenna*, to abowe his prise
of combat, hauing ten olde sage fa-
thers going in mourning gownes, and
white wandes in their handes before him, as one that
already shunned the inuitable tract of death, in noble
courage carrying awaye the Golden Garlande of re-
nowne.

Lord Trauennas speech to Necto,

and order of combat: Necto is slaine, for which
the commons and the whole Domi-
nions reioyceth.



Necto in steed of Lord *Andromus* (as defen-
dour meete the Lord *Trauenna* in place)
spake as followeth: Ah false traitour,
spoiler of true hono^r, vnshamfast butcher
of innocent blood, can nothing quench
thy insaciate thirst of flattery, but the
blood of *Egeria* and my selfe. I doubt not, but hast pur-
chased a iuste reuenge for thy infamous naughtinesse:
thou at this present yealpest after honorable fame, the
Gods as a filthy vnlaury carrion, wilt direct thy ropes
vnmeet the most vnworthiest vermine of the earth to
pray vpon: thou feedest thy selfe with false honour, but
perpe-

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perpetual shame to thy family, shal best rewarde thee. Dosth not thy heart throb in these iniurious enterpryses: dosth not thy owne conscience declare thy impietie? It had beene a most seemely blessednesse: yea, a sauorie motion, befoze anie on blowe had passed betweene vs, with shalpe penaunce reconciled thy selfe to the Gods, for thy temerity: the rather to haue inioyed the comfortable fruition after this lyfe. For there is such assurance at this present, sealed and inspired in my heart, that smartsome reuenge vpon thy blood, shal acquit this vilany. Next amazed in hearing those, and a thousand such lyke thundring speeches, more ready to deliver by his Marshal staffe, then defend the interprise taken in hand: *Lorde Trauenna* hastily with valiant magnanimitie, buckles vpon his enemye, blessing him with sure blowes, as if he shoulde saye: now time approueth a wyning or losing honour, now either the spotte of dishonour shal bleare me, or the shynning light of renoune cleare me for ever: Within sixe blowes the combate ended. Next hanging deade in his Steele saddle, groneled and somed with his necke broken. The people with wonderful admiration shotted, Trumpets, Shawmes, flutes, Drummes, plaied by the sound of the victozy. The Dukes commaundement giuen out to *Lorde Tarratus*, high Marshal, if the defendaunt toke the foyle, his harnisse shoulde not be unbuckled, nor dead coarfe discovered, except befoze his presence: the high Marshal as wel to accomplishe the Dukes pleasure, as a full discharge of his office, caused the layde dead body to be transported befoze the Duke, vpon whose Commaundement, certaine domini-
 ke Fryers, sworne to the same effect: Immediatlye without delaye, burned the Peasants filthie Corpse,
 promi-

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him a hope of Golde, round fastened to his necke the posse about the same was.

The Duches posie giuen to the Lord Trauenna.

No gyft didst euer craue,
 No better gyft I haue,
 Till death depart,
 Close me within thy hart.

Duke Lampanus directed his letters

to *Tarratus*, Lord high Marshal, that the Duches shoulde be executed within two dayes after *Lorde Trauenna* was banished: *Duke Lampanus* expecting *Egerias* execution, message returned, her to be with childe, for which she is reprimed.



As many interrupted sightes, with panting stomacks, departed on from the other. The Dukes further commaundement, presently directed to *Tarratus*, Lord high Marshal, that within two dayes, Duches *Egeria* shoulde be executed. These heauie netwes and tyrannical fury, displeased the mindes of the whole countrie, for the Dukes vicious filthy conuersation was manifest to euery man, besides with the popular sort of the *Hetrurians*, cast their eyes to the multitude of false flatterers, that continually haunted the Dukes court, euery man seruing his owne appetite, in
 faci-

to her Aduentures.

promising and behyting greate promotions for their faithful service therein.

Lord Trauenna is banished: Lady

Egeria discomfited.



Although Lord Trauenna in plaine simplicitie, thought his ennemye deade and banquished, yet this vnsqual match throwne out, did more increase then diminishe his afflicted calamities. For Duke Lampanus indignation so highlye and sharply styred by, bewrayd his complexion, as though hony were in a toades head, and poyson in a frogges tayle, more regarded the mew- ing of a young kite, then the flying of an old falcon: notwithstanding, this couragious combate with the glorious victorie therof, committed by vniuersal edict: the Lord Trauenna by speedy prescription to the relin- quishing, not onely the Dukedome of *Hetruria*, but also the suburbs, boundes, territories, al his Lordly pos- sessions, landes, reuenues, rents, fees, inheritances: As also from his deare olde mother, sorrowful Lady Trauenna, his Brothers, Sisters, kindred, friends, and acquaintance, and how it did incomber the thoughtes of his Noble Lady Egeria: that although she was not destitute of many singuler good friends, yet bereft of her best friend, Lord Trauenna, the onely staffe of her lyfe: The losse of this refuge, a Dagger and sharpe sworde to her heart. The Lord Trauenna at his de- parting, came to the Duches lodging, who gaue him

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satiabable glutting in pride, ambition, and whozedome: reaching and rousing after stately honoz, feathering and warming their nestes, whysleled merry songes in the Dukes eare, feeding the present world with delights. As in that many light desperate Russians, were har- boured about the Dukes person: the priuate familia- ritie of licentious lust, the contempt that raigned by vn- brydled will in heartes of inferiours. Euery man be- came lawles to liue as he lusted: yet many notable good conscionable Lordes, vertuous, wise, and learned Iud- ges of the Dukes priue Counsel, inwardly mourned the state and time they liued in: the erquisite considera- tion hereof, reclinced the baser degree of the people to the Duches safegard: so that Egeria wanted no prayers, god wil, earnest suit for her deliuerance. The more her sorowes increased, the greater was she fauoured. The Duke hereby fel to extream hatred, thowto his v- niuersal dominions, euery man readily helde by his weapon, to pul the scepter of his Dukedome out of his handes. And whilst the Duke expected Egerias execu- tion, present message returned her to be with childe, al which being true, yet ielousie hauing so much distempe- red his vnuly senses, wandring thowto out the whole regions of his byaines, coulde neither alter his present purpose, neither yet search a resting place to his body, neither erquisite or wholesome counsel, cure the greefe and disease of his minde. This mixture, a poulder of such operation, secretly by little and little incroching, was hurled into sundry franticke fits. Although affec- tion nothing wel qualified in *Eidorna*, neglecting the general contentation to his vniuersal Dukedom, este- med not Egeria, for the benefit of her life to be repleued. Yet *Moretus* that vertuous Iudge, as wel for the con- tentment of sundry frends and partners in this cause,

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as the fruite and ciuil tranquillity heereafter insu-
ing to the Dukedome: made an oration, the effect fol-
lowing.

Judge Moretus Oration to the Duke.

Your power and obeisance, the portion
(right worthy Duke) which all your sub-
jects must stay vpon, the strong standard of
their protection, answerable to goodwill,
neuer stained as false Cowardes, either in ciuil or po-
litique seruice. Why should a Dukes fancy, inwardly
wander: banquished with troublesome trauels, ra-
ging in baine lone, chafing with fretting choler, bark-
ning to endlesse slaunders, having no limitation in
tongues, nor prescription of speeches, good subjects im-
ploy not so much seruiceable persuite in honesty, as one
false flatterer counternaileth by lurking attempts:
a ruinous astonishment of dishonesty, to all partes of a
dominion. Not governed by carelessse aduventure, but
seuerer authority: not with ravishing fantasies, but con-
stancy: not with inuincible vices, but honourable ver-
tues. What causeth murmuration of subjects, but wa-
uering inclination of a Prince: what causeth desolati-
on of a realme, but violation of Princes: Surely, sure-
ly, no greater ornament, hapneth to your Noble Maie-
ste, then wholly to reuert to your pristinate estate,
magnificence, Iustice, clemency: yea, make a conquest
of those vices, which in the eyes of the world are appa-
rant. Your people repute your honourable deare spouse
Egeria, a good woman, but your Princely opinion, by
flatterers sleights hardly conceined, is flat iniurie: the
more


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more wholesome temperaunce, and rare vertues increase, the more olde manners are disfaſhioned and changed in you. Al which continued, ſhall greedily in þ end vanquiſh & leaue you, a common body: the people further grudge, worthy *Egeria* ſo nearely is examined, impriſoned, in face of iudgment ſeat: ſhamefully arraigned, hatefully handled, cruelly conſigned, without ſpark of fauour adiudged to die. And the Lord *Traenna*, (not withſtanding his aduenture by combat) yet baniſhed. All theſe ſtraunge cuſtomes, as new and freſh ſurgies in your heart, ridiculous to your gouernment, offenſiue to your people. Alas, alas, ſince *Egeria* is falſely accuſed, miſreported and belied: yet were it a wholesome conſtitution, onely for hope of poſterity, ſhe were repriued. If you hack downe the tree, firſt ſaue the fruite: If you vnrote the ſtocke, preſerue the ſpant: if you graſp by the gallant flowers, conſerue the ſeedes. You here by regard your diſſent, royal name and ſamilie: Otherwiſe, ouerthrowe your Princely Throane, Seate and Scepter for euer. As I proteſt uttering my ſelfe, before the ſupernall Seate, the chaſte body of Duches *Egeria*, is pure, vntouched, from al deſpight and villanie. So (oh Noble Duke) take this Duches into fauour, guerdon and adorne your Princelie Throane with her beſtiful countenaunce, recouer your good name, vncutch the Rascal rabble of fained flat-terers, gaping after gaine, diſcouer the morning light, cut downe and Leauill the loſt Hylles, ouerſhadowing the pleaſaunt Springes. Be not perſwaded but the fruite which *Egeriaes* body hath formed, from your Maieſties Loines firſt yſſued, the offſpring perfect, rightlie planted, by calculation of time: Conſidering Lord *Traenna* was occupied by your waighty affairs, Ambaſſadour in *Egypt*, the time of Duches *Ege-*

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riars conception, long befoze, and many weekes after I doubt not (noble Duke) this my Oracion considered, your minde molified, present pittie appeareth. These comfortable medicins working effect, humanitie, courteous, excellent and noble worthines shal illustrate your person, with pregnant pollicie adorne your high estate and linage, a rare blossome sprowting out, comforting ang safeguarding al the dominions of *Hetruria*, al which successiuelly falleth out in fauouring noble and continent Lady *Egeria*.

The Duke graunteth the reprimement of the Duches, till her deliuerance of childbyrth.

he Duke fully resolved at good *Moretus* request, besides the supplication of diuers Noble men, to graunt the reprimement of *Duches Egeria*, vntil her deliuerance in childe byrth were accomplished: so that his desire in putting her to death, might not afterwardes be impeditmented. The Nobles perceiuing blind conceit, and vnsatisfied minde vnreuocable to a better hope, stayed herein, permitted him headlong to be hurled vpon al aduentures, their causes remitted to the eternal prouidence. But *Lorde Andromus* imboldened *Eldorna* his Sister, to cal for secreat destruction against *Egeria*, mistrusting continual windes, would at length tolle and shake the Tower of their prosperities. The beauty of sayze *Eldorna*, seemed in the eyes of Duke *Lamparus*, a little earthly Paradise, wreathing and
wreathing

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wringing as they pleased his inclinations, whatsoever the Duke promised openly to his Nobles, would secretly before *Eldorna* againe deny the same: whatsoever was obtayned contrary to her good liking, could more easely swallow by *Helle/pon*, or turne the Ocean over the *Alpes*, then good successe to their expectations. This costly magnificent Lady loner *Eldorna*, vndermyning high mountaynes, transpassed Bridges ouer mighty Seas: stood as a sure yron post in defence and safe conduct of her brother Lord *Andromus*, by art of wordes winding the Duke to her ready bent bow, with vilnes of beautiful visage, indoting his concupiscence against the whole dominion of *Hetruria*. Al which as a manifest truth on a time approuedly fel out: after many pitifull petitions, for enlargement and deliuerie of *Duchess Egeria*, of sundry her noble friends, who taking thozow view of the Dukes plyaunt affections to euerie mans purpose, secretly *Eldorna* betweene themselves taunted the Duke as followeth.

To what solitary wilderness is the vigour and rype-
nes of your pollicie roued. in that euery base vile subiect
hauing aspired some promotion, rather of your goodnes
and liberal grace, then their owne desarts, can hope
your inclination as a horse inforced by the bit, or a ship
by a stearne in the midst of the swelling Sea: put on
a princely minde, put off a base and flexible heart: es-
chew accustomable manners: let subiects penetrate your
conditions not as they lust: but as you please, let them
euermore seek, and what secretly resteth in you, neuer
find out: if against your person, whetting their venou-
mous teeth, let them grate rather vpon during harde y-
ron, then soft melting war. My counsel herein follow-
ed, practized and put in execution, shall transfrete your
selfe more safer: their saucie liberty and preheminance

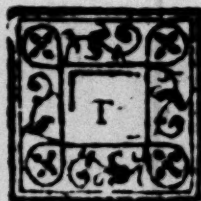
Eldorna
checking
the Duke.

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cut off more shortly, setting your selfe in singular souer-
raignie, bring special welfare, condigne estimation
and regard, to all those which attende your person.
Harlots procure effusion of blood. Furthermore if *Egeria* be the harpe that every Rascal
subiect vnderlicately playeth vpon, shread and cut a son-
der those tarring strings. Her life is your death, and my
dishonour.

Eldorna seeketh the death of Egeria,

after her deliuey of child byrth, *Egeria* is deliuered of two
children, a sonne and a daughter, the sonne adorned
with a golden thymb, the daughter beau-
tified with a foot and legge
of Golde.



*VVhoore-
mongers do
rage.*

*Promotions
vnmeet for
harlots.*

The Duke hearkening to the voyce of this
night Raven, daily croking for the swete
carkas of Duches *Egeria*, the Duke sought
the contentment of *Eldorna* his Crampet,
her deuice and counsel preuailed, the conti-
nual flames of populer murmuration quenched, the con-
court of nobles to his person diminished, no temperance
could render rest to his miseries, nor resolute meanes for
his distressed mind, nor remoune foolish fantasies hame-
red in his braines, except the presence of this pleasaunt
minion *Eldorna*, who imployed much communication
with the Duke, as wel for dispatchaunce of *Egeria*, pre-
sently after her deliueaunce from child byrth, as also
conuaying the estate of the Dukedome to *Eldorna* and
her issue. These pyckes & dartes of mortal shot throw-
out, tormented the aliaunce, friends, counsellours, and
Iudges, which inwardly tended the good plight of *Ege-
ria*, defatigated with intreataunce, defrustrate from al
good expectations of preuailing, departed the Dukes
court, resigned their offices and rich ffees, sold their pa-
trimony.

to her *Aduentures.*

trimonies: their mindes aduersly drinen vpon for-
raine fields, strange unlucky windes, blowing at home
in *Hecuria*, so that the Dukedome and dominion of *He-*
curia, which befoze abounded in prosperous felicitie,
with manifold ornaments of hono^r, now thzaton down
& squieled with great pouerty, wretchednes and misery:
the Duke neglected the care of his people, the people on
the other side vilipended the pers^{on} of y^e Duke: their mar-
chandize & traffick decayed, their husbandry forslowd:
ground became barren without culture: the miserable
famine which swarmed thzowout the whole country,
consumed breed of cattle, the golde, siluer, and treasures
was inroched among the wealthiest subiectes: who for
their better safety betooke both fidelty and riches vnder
foraine governments. Presently vpon this great hur-
ly burly thzoghout the Dukes dominions, Duches *Ege-*
ria within lord *Torrans* high marshals house, was deli-
uered in child birth of two twins, a son & a daughter:
the son was adorned with a golden thumbe on his right
hand, the daughter beautifully illustrate with a foot and
leg of gold by the knee, on the right side. The same night
in which Duches *Egeria* was deliuered of these two good-
ly children, the Duke troubled in his thoughts: a most
fearful & terrible dreame bering his heart: seemed to ap-
peare vnto him a huge: mighty. tall Dke, with great
bowes, bending & overspreading the vniuersal country
of *Hecuria*: In y^e top wherof grew Acorns of pure gold,
on the right side sprang forth a pleasaunt odiferous red
Rose, clasping and comforting the said Dke: two sayre
apples blossomed out of the verdure of the sayde flower
rose. One of the apples in the upper part, indued with a
sayre round speck of gold, the other apple pure, perfect, &
clean gold on the right side: furthermore springeth out
of y^e Dke on the other side, a sonl weedy stincking nettle,
besprinc

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besprinkled and mayed with vnseasony white blossoms, in the top thereof did grow a moste bitter sowter Crab. The roots of the same nettle cangling and winnding, not onely choaked and stifled the Rose, and her fruite, but also eradicated the nettle, removed the Dke from his vsual groweth, that for many yeares after, the Dke became infructified and barren. In the nettle top seemed a most bitter sowter crab to grow, wayed and bended the nettle flat downe to the ground. At last the crab consumed, withered, & quite dispoyled the sayd nettle. Being almost day, neere morning, in an other dreame appeared a huge mighty Tower of brasse: nere this Tower cut of the sowter bitter crab, springing forth a mighty tal tree, the bowes therof springing & reaching the top thereof: two withered netles hanging & wauiing on the same tower: thowso the iniury of the Crab & Crab tree brought to nothing. Out of the Apple with the round specke of gold start vp a mighty tall tree, which presently caught and quite deuoured the sowter crab tree, neare the Castle Oleria. By this dreame manifested, the Dke againe began to flourish, whose greene bowes and braunches caught within the Apple tree roote, was hoisted to the brassen Tower top, with the swiftnes of the winde tossed hither and thither. In the same dreame also seemed, the Apple, whose right side was pure Golde, pleasantly sprung forth a dubble tree, out of one roote, the Dke vnnaturally requyzed to aner and sap in the sayde dubble tree, the Dke presently conuerted to a venomous Snake, and the left side of the sayde Apple tree, in the ende consumed the sayd Snake, and the sayde left side also disagreeing, confounded and choaked vp the right side of the said Apple tree. But by the springing vp of a pleasant smelling rose, the left side was in the ende deuorped also: for this fragrant pleasantt Rose toke such
daye

to her *Aduentures.*

deepe rowt, as neither winde nor weather, heate of sommer, nor cold of winter could impeach or annoy.

The Dukes terrible and fearefull

Dream: he seeketh Charmers and Magick masters to interpret the same: as the Image, shewing the fall and vprising of the Hetrurian Dominion.

THe Duke with these great vberations and troubles incombred in his minde, coulde no way solace his solitary sences, neither yet sayze *Eldorna* minister any iurce or sap to his dead spirits: so that many waies consulting with his Nobles and Gentlemen, as also cheefe Charmers and Magike masters of his countrey, yea the Coniurers and dealers with vncleane Spirits, had the Dukes dreames in question: but in all these hartie burlies none coulde be found out to reuiue Duke *Lampans*, distracted into so many miseries: but onely an olde poore Countrey man, that of long time had vsed this art, sundry resorting vnto him, as wel ledde with popular report, as long experience and practize, otherwayes his haseling and soztelling of fortunes, as Constellations of Childzens byrth: rather esteemed to fall out of hap hazarde, then knowledge or cunning. This olde Countrey man, father *Pallasus* (otherwise called holy *Thomas*) a weather wyrd, comming befoze the Duke, declared that if he neither might moue his pacience, nor any otherwaies offend his person, would trace befoze his maiesty, a perfect impzeccion, representing the forme, and vigoure of

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his Dreame. And spake further vnto him, that whatsoeuer misadventure is foretolde & threathned by this terrible dreame, either to him selfe or his Dukedome: yet by wise ording and prudent gouernment, inferiour causes might change, & by sufficient remedy, a more settled and better disposition then specified take place. The Duke promised holy Thomas, father Pallasus pardon, in whatsoeuer he spake, as one wonderfully stirred vp in the spirit of boldnes, vnabashed talked to the Duke as followeth.

Holy Thomas (otherwise father Pallasus) expoundeth the Dukes Dreame.



Our selfe (Right worthy and royall Duke) the goodly tale strong Oken tree, hauing ouer looked, vnderpropped and stifned the whol land of Hecuria against foraine foes: Hauing hitherto fructified with plentiful Acorns of Gold, which thoroow your vertuous and noble example haue indued and beautified the whol common wealth. And the pleasant smelling Rose, his deare Duches Egeria, who surely knitting and fast cleauing to your fauour, neuer maketh alteration of pressed purpose therein. The two Apples beautified with Golde, are these two Childzen, generated by your royal seed, formed and fashioned in Egerias wombe: The foule stinking nettle with white blossomes, springing out of the Dukes side, is that beautiful strumpet Eldorna, who not onely choaketh and be-reaueth chaste Egeria, and her lawfull fruit, but also vndermineth your condigne famous person. And also the Crab which groweth in the top of the nettle, is the vnlawfull bastard byrth, which in the ende shal betray and cruelly murther and hang his owne mother Eldorna. And an other friend as yet vnknowne, such a one as
first

to her *Adventures.*

(1) first received and respected into your honorable court and service: yet afterwarde growing in treacherous familiarity with *Eldorna*, better loving and esteeming him then your owne person, your banishment first procured, shal vpon a Tower of braise, to the same ende erected, finished and set vp, reuenge al their naughty actions. In the middelt of these hurly burlics, appered an apple with the golden speck in the top, which is the only fruit that issueth and proceedeth of this good Duches, in atchieuing great glozy & fame, (2) shal both erpel the usurped gouernment of the bastard, and dispoyl the blood of the illigitimate miscreant: then immediately your selfe, being befoze cast out of your dominion by miserable exile, shal like a greene (3) When tree rule and flourish again within your own dominions. But it wil not long preuaile: for presently resigne your seigniozy to your daughter, as dazled & doted with her rare beuty, desiring fleshy concupiscence with her body, shal be couerted to a venomous foul filthy snake. (4) The finally, your daughters husband a forrain stranger, shal utterly subuert & destroy & kil your selfe, being in the shape of a snake, then by a drench of inchauntment, cast your daughter into a deadly slay, cut off her golden foot & leg, bereue her swet life, take the Dukedome into his owne hand, vntil good Duches *Egeria*, that salutiferous Roze gorgeously springeth vp againe, out of whose chaff root, spreadeth out another natural roze, (5) whose seed & posteritie shal with vertuous guidance direct and gouern al the dominions of *Hetruria* nine hundredth yeares after. This old man holy *Thomas*, otherwise called *Pallajus* & wether wyzaid not slaying opened the Dukes dreames at large, which was to the Dukes heart a fretting corsie, not in y a mis a snake, and afterward cut off the golden foot & leg of lady *Selewla* his wife. (5) Duches *Egeria* destroyeth Lord *Nerich*, she & her posterity ruleth nine hundredth yeares, by marryng Lord *Trauenna*.

(1) *Palifer* the traitorous flatterer loueth *Eldorna* the dukes concubin, are both hanged in the top of the Tower.

(2) *Pantipar* the lawfull heire, shal destroy *Rastophel* the bastard.

(3) Duke *Lampanus* returned from his banishment hanging *Pantipar* his owne sonne. *Lampanus* desiring to commit incest with his owne daughter is chaunged to a filthy snake.

(4) Lord *Nerich* Duke *Bendals* son, marryng lady *Selewla* with golden foote, shall slay both the Duke in the forme of

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stery of the last euerfion of his posterity was discovered. But in that al Duches *Egeria* troubles and miseries, hauing an end: a new issue and disceat in good successe of time, shoulde againe take freshe roote in her and Lozde *Trauenus*.

Andromus and Eldorna conspired

the death of holy Thomas, for the true interpretation of the Dukes Dreame.

Nayze Eldorna and Lord Andromus wel vnderstanding this old holy Thomas, (otherwise called *Pallasus* the wizard) naturally inclined to *Egeria* and her children, hallowed and hoped in the Dukes eares, presently to make dispatchaunce of him. Affyrming he was a sedicious presuming old dotarel, wilfully disposed, whose lewde speeches beeing further spread and knowne, an vnapeased insurrection might secretly be styred vp. The preuention of a mischief in season, moze better then haddys wyls after, or thoughts out of season. The Duke harkening herevnto, thinking that if contentation of *Eldornas* mind not satisfied, sodaine unkindnesse woulde arise betweene them, as in that time might distemper many turbulent stormes, approaching vniuersally thow his dominions by such a busie babler: presently procured his high marshal without iudgement to hang him out of the way. Al which as the Duke inwardly conceiued a priuie preservation of good name, a better stay and securitie to his voluptuous mind (which if *Pallasus* shoulde haue liued longer, a nusseling of harde and difficult digestments) For that subiects would sharpen their faces moze fiercer against him. Now the Duke although

No pity in
Hailots
hands, sturre
vp mischief,
suck inno-
cent bloude.

Voluptu-
ousnes pre-
uenteth all
impedi-
mentes.

A Harlot
greedy of
revenge.

to her *Aduentures.*

although vtterly dispising good *Egeria*, yet not altogeth-
er choaked in ill nature toward the Children, haste-
ned a solempne celebration after the *Hetrurian* maner, in
the triumph of *Hercules*. In which place, Children of
royal and Noble byrth toke their names. A voyce
speaking thow the Image, named the man child *Pan-
tipar*: the woman childe *Selewsa*. *Pantipar* signifieth in
the *Hetrurian* language, the sonne of violatation. *Selewsa*
doth make relation, to bee called the Daughter of
daunger. The Noble men in this solempne dedication,
recelved serious petitions to the Official Priest, hauing
the constitution of the Image in charge, desirous to vn-
derstand what was soreshewed by the man chilles gol-
den thumb: the answer, as followeth.

Eldorna, shall not vnreuenged be,
Pantipar, shall root vp her progeny:
Pantipar, his mylde mother shall offend,
The Gods on him, reuenge will extend.

Pantipar
shal forcibly
raugh Du-
ches *Egeria*,
his owne
mother.

Within the golden thumb, was impainted in Latin
Letters.

FATI NVLLA EST VICISSITVDO.

In this honorable celebration, the Virgin infant,
brought forth, who befoze named *Selewsa*, the daughter
of daunger, by request of the Official Priest, made to
know what insigment by the golden foote soreshewed,
answers taken from the Image as followeth.

The Golden foot foretels, who did a noble Dame forsake,
In time to come for his desert, shall be a filthy Snake.
The father dotes, the daughters flesh to feed,
But who it is shall be a snake, for offering such a deed:
Yet marriage bed with sayre *Selewsa*, take thy pleasant rest,
If banisht now, within thy age, both paines and ioyes shall rest.

The vertue
of *Egeriaes*
continencie,
is shewed in
the daugh-
ters destiny,
but *Lampa-
nus* lust with
Selewsa, con-
uerted to a
snake.

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Within

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The seed of **W**ithin the bottome of the golden foot, were exprested
wicked men **L**atin letters.
rooted out,

CASTITATEM IN SINU FOVET.

*The Duke transporteth the two chil-
dren: Pantipar into Barbaria, and Selewsa into
Egypt. The Dukes letters to the Mar-
shal, for execution of Du-
ckes Egeria.*

Vertue sow-
eth a new
seed reaped
in continent
chastitie.



Fortune ca-
steth a pro-
perous eye
vpon some.
yet with so-
daine frowns
ouer throw-
eth their
chayre of
dignity.

In these destinies and fates, as
speciall novelties brought home,
not onely before the Duke, but im-
printed in the hearts of every sub-
iect thorowout the whole domini-
on. But the Duke kindled in his
sences, procured Pantipar to be con-
uayed into the land of Barbary. In
which dominion the young Infant in company of his
Hetrurian nurses, was honorably receined, both because
the Barbarian King was vniuersed: as beeing a Dukes
child of royal blood, wel coniecturing the infant natu-
rally brought vp, woulde proue very louing to the peo-
ple, and careful of safe gouernment among them. Fur-
thermore, *Lampanus* the Duke altogether bent in fury
and crabbed nature, shoting with bloody and venomous
arrows, in dispoyle of lawfull posteritie from his do-
minion and Dakedome, transported fayre Selewsa with
her Hetrurian nurses into Egypt, where very honorable
intertainment and comfort was giuen, in Duke *Ben-
dals* house, who thorow age and time, gayned wonder-
ful estimation: For as nature rewarded her with wor-
thy

to her Aduentures.

thy beauty, so fortune forgot not to stiffe her with wel-
thy prosperitie, who from her Childhood in Princely
beauty proued the onely Parragon of Egypt. But
Lampanus not desisting in the banishment, first of *Lord*
Traneuna, the young infant *Pantipar*, his legitimate
procreation, and sayze *Selewsa* his Daughter: but with
fuller determination of mischiese, commaunded with-
out delay by letters missiue, that *Lord* *Tarratus* high
marshal shoulde execute *Egeria*, and cut off her head:
protesting by the same Letters, what safeguard and tran-
quillitie might prosperously fall out to his dominions
thereby. After receipt of these newes, the night befoze her
death appointed, *Lord* marshal entring the Duches
lodging, made relation of his charge so straightly gi-
uen out by the Duke for her execution. My *Lord* mar-
shal (saith Duches *Egeria*) be not amazed, accomplishe
your thowow duety herein: adiudge me not misgræued
either with these newes from the Duke, or with you
the messenger: I am fully resolued my death more græ-
ueth you then my selfe. As you haue beene ouer care-
ful in my cause, so it is not a little yeksome to al your
sences, in that my blood thowow your handes shoulde be
imbzued: But this is the day which long I haue looked
for: So now greatly reioycing, my miseries shal bee
finished, and the time expyzed. And yet a further con-
solation relieueth my afflicted minde, in that young
Pantipar my Sonne, is transported into the handes
of the Barberian King: And that my deare Daugh-
ter *Selewsa*, broughte vp in Duke Bendals house,
a man of singuler vertue and honourable honestye.
The conseruation of infants bee liberties and prehe-
minences, proceeding from the supernal Gods, dos
recouer a doubtfull estate out of the wide mouthes of
gredy dogges, and deuouring vultures: Prouidence

The vertu-
ous can giue
consolation
to their mi-
series.

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The govern-
ment of in-
fants from
the high pro-
vidence.

imbarketh them safely into what soveraine Region so euer transmitted the whing of protection, neuer departeth from them : their causes be solicited of straungers, helped of vnknowne men, the good vigilant eye of fortune euer more cast vpon them, assureth their estate. I thank you my Lorde marshall, for al courtesies and assured friendship, approuedly shewed in these my heauy aduētures: God my Lord, to morrow in the morning, when death hasteneth vpon me, by the execution of your office. departing and shaking handes with this life, let it not be tedious or ouer smartsome vnto me, rid me quickly from these annoyances. The Lorde marshal and the vertuous Lady his wyfe, bathing their cheekes with greate floudes of teares, spake to Duches Egeria and sayde.

The faithful friendship shewed to Egeria by Lord Tarratus: Egeria is conuayed (by Lord Apasus the Duches brother) by pollicie out of the Castle of Oler-na, when she should goe to execution. Andromus with sixe thousand souldiers are deuoured with Rauens.

True friend-
ship is a cō-
panion, and
comfort in
al extremi-
ties, foreca-
steth safeguard,
whom true
loue knit-
teth and
bindeth vn-
to them.



If power were in vs, or that sufficient prouision coulde princely conuay you by our assent, your death shoulde be deferred, vntil the appointment of the mighty power, whose leasure your enemies shoulde waite vpon : but we fearing, and forecasting the vnhappy successe, the ponderous burthen whereof, woulde lodge vpon our backs, shoulde incur the Dukes tyrannical fury and wrath : no, no my deere honozable friends, sayth Duches

to her Aduentures.

Duchess Egeria: I do ioyfully prostrate my life to death: why shoulde I hope after life, since my Lord the Duke, wallowing in wil, and pestering in pleasures, desireth my dispatchaunce? If any such accident taking place, you my keepers shall taste the sower, and feele the smart thereof: If I escape the plaine passage, some vnjust lot may throw you into a dangerous ditch: If my safegard throw your good means be prouided, my enemies wil hastily aduenture to fleshe them selues, for your contempt. Nay noble Duchess (saith Lord marshal) we not afraide to aduise our selues in defence of your vertues, the preservation of your infortunat condicion, shal in time to come, rid & quite dispatch these trouble some varlets, from the state of this seignioy, as in the best maner safely deliuer you in good assuraunce of your selfe againe. Al which could nothing chaunge her vertuous intention, bent to scale the celestial immortallitye. Her long impysonment, the false accusations layde against her, the slippery sleights of the Duke her husband, the infinite cares which she was well acquainted with. Al which gaue full instruction, and testimony to her inward mind, as a careful senere schoule master tending the good perfection of his scholler. Oh saith *Egeria*, this life is an execrable impietie, I doe abandon my whole reputation, honoꝝ, children, friends, misprizing, regality, and worldly estimation, as fading shadowes. Oh saith she, my enemies haue charged me with adulterous payson: the gods know me a blameles innocent, their iniust accusations gnaweth and fretteth the integritye of my soule. The high Marshal and his wife passing al the whole night in these and such like vertuous speeches, framing and addressing her whole bent minde to the euerlasting voyage, where she purposed to rest her fatigable conscience, roulling vpon the tyred wheel of

Extremities
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pening, per-
swade and
teach that
which other
wife coulde
not be lear-
ned.

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Policies to a
good ende
not vnnecef-
fary.

Vertuous
meanes in
deliuering
innocents
from the
hands of ty-
rants.

The violent
delies of a
tyrant.

infelicity. Forthwith the vnthriftie flatterer lord *Andro-
mus*, with a mighty band of warlike souldiers, craded to
execute the Dukes commandement, besetting the castle
of *Olerna* round about: as also furnishing euery corner
within the city and streets of *Olerna* with another garri-
son of armed men. But Lord *Apasus* (Duches *Egerias*
owne brother) accompanied with certaine other honou-
rable gentlemen of nere aliance. Al which inuested in
sriers waeds, craued licence of the comon souldiers, that
pardon might freely be graunted, to common and talke
with the Duches, touching the estate of her conscience,
belonging to their function and calling, in that thorow
their good counsel, might at the holwer of death be wel
advised, lest either vanquished with impenitencie, or
thorow down in desperation, an other life should be te-
dious and ful of tormentes, perpetually gnawing and
fretting her actions in this life. These good causes ear-
nestly and thorowly moued, had free recourse to Du-
ches *Egeria*, chaunging and forming her into a Fryers
waed, thorow the whole rout, as wel of the castle souldi-
ers, as the towne garrison, without examination or sus-
picion, safely transported and conducted her: A wagon
prepared in the ende of the towne, forthwith by speedy
carriage to the holy Castle, (a sanctuary dedicated to the
honor of Saint *Ciprian*) being foureschoxe miles distant
from the towne of *Olerna*, as one deliuered from excee-
ding great greefe, lined in fasting and prayer. Shortly
after the Duches departure, Lord *Andromus* commaun-
ded lord *Tarratus* high marshall to bring forth his priso-
ner, seemed as though he were greatly displeased and
furred with impaissible choller, for her long tarriance,
chasing and fuming, as though he woulde teare her in
pieces him selfe: saying, what do you dally with y^e Dukes
commandement: it did grieue *Egeria* nothing to offend.
Why

to her *Adventures.*

Why doth it now grieue her to die: is this patient *Egeria* which so craftely hath crept into the fauor of the common subiects by her fayned holines? Merily a marriner might wel row a good handsome Bark or ship, vpon the surging waues and swift streams, that so abundantly flow from her eies. What is she afraid to hoist vp sayle towards heauen hauing a merry wind? behold the Angels & whol celestial troupe attend the castle gates, safely to guard her to y gods them selues. The Lord marshalls wife stepped forth, and reuileth Lord *Andromus*. Thou incarnat deuillish beast, art not content to weake thy villanous minde by wrongfull accusation against this good Duchesse, but ridiculously abuse her miseries: she frownsed in a thousand pittifull wordes, after y simple scere of woman kinde, transported with fiery choller, and inforced with deadly fury: if it consisted in her power to haue reuenged & punished *Andromus*: no law could haue tamed her tongue, nor restrained the rage of iresul indiscretion she yelded so much to melancholick desires: go seek *Duchesse Egeria* saith she: It is vnknowne to my Lord and husband, where or what place she hath attained. I verily suppose shee is gone to seeke such a varlet as thou art, within the bottomlesse pit of Hel, for I am sure she shal neuer finde thee in heauen. Well saith *Andromus*, bzing her forth according to sentence of iudgement, or els the smart wil fall vpon your shoulders, as wel for violating the lawes of our Realme, as contemning the Dukes wil and pleasure. Upon these wordes certaine of his moste trustiest souldiers, rushed into the mayne Castle, with diligent viewe and vigilant eye, lest no one corner vnsearched. At last perceiuing a manifest truth, that the Duchesse was stolen and conuayed, as well for auoydaunce of mischances happening, which hurling heats presently might bzing: besides

The enui-
ous scorne
aduersities.

True friend-
ship detect-
eth iniury,
can nor dis-
semble nor
counterfate
in their
friends cau-
ses.

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A naturall
voyce in the
comminalty

Vengeance
neuer depart-
eth, without
feareful exe-
cution, espe-
cially in vil-
lanous ac-
tions.

An honora-
ble celebra-
tion of buri-
al, vsed a-
mong the
Heathen,
now could
not be had.

his greedy guts gnawing with an eager worme, untill these newes were certified to the Duke. At the shrill sound of a trumpet every souldier recovering his place, gaue attendaunce vpon *Andromus* person, not knowing the contrary but *Duchess Egeria* was ledde to execution, except a general precept had passed thorow the whole host, to the same end, as wel foot men as horse men should presently depart with *Andromus*. The common souldiers, whose spirites not a little reuiued thorow secret brute giuen out, the Dukes pardon graunted for *Egeria*. But *Lord Andromus* marching homewarde, six thousand souldiers attending his person, their expectation deceiued: For being vpon the wide desert, plaine *Palamoth*, eight myles from *Oleria*: a huge armie of night Ravens flying out of the East, hauing terrible clams dolefully croking, the whole Elements could not be decerned for the infinite multitude. The people and countrie astonished, verily did thinke the rulers of Hel, with al their Legions were losed and set at libertie against their countrie, in executing vengeance from the gods, for the miserable wronges of *Duchess Egeria*. The armie of these Ravens continually floting in severall great flightes, by the space of one whole day, by coniecture sometimes two thousands, sometimes foure thousands, sometimes more, sometimes lesse, the multitude hereof couering not onely the plaine fields, but darkned al the East parts, deuoured *Lord Andromus* and his armies, eagerly feeding, and greedely tearing their flesh: company coulde neither rescue them for tuition of their liues, nor approach to bury them, being dead: their stinking flesh couered the earth, fed the vermin, and fowles of the ayre. This example of horreur, quite vanquished the Dukes senses: fearing the like destruction vpon him self, could find no ioyes, to his dolours, no patience

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to her *Aduentures*.

to his furious rage, no colde to his heate: tost with ex-
treame seauer fits, no sleepe coulde comfort, no: soe
releede, no: good counsell aduise him. Especially for that
filthy stench and vnsauery sauels of deade Corpes: not
onely corrupting the cleare ayre, but infected the vni-
uersal Country, with contagious murrains to al man-
ner of Cattel, besides incessant pestilences, bothe of
men, women, and children. Furthermore, this sharpe
powder had such inward operation in *Elderna*, as well
because Duches *Egeria* wel protected, and safely esca-
ping their stinky clowches: as the sodain destruction &
downfall of Lord *Andromus*, her trusty brother, whose
carkas continueth a spectacle of notable infamie. But
her greatest grief, for that by no means, his body could
be intumbed to honourable funerall. And she sharply
casting her eyes vpon mighty iudgements appzoching
the dominion: surpassed and ouer reached their wilde
merelisse manners, altogether daunted in their perni-
cious reaches, put on a greater humiliation of minde.
Notwithstanding, her former follies, continued the
Duke in like perplexity, with inwarde sobbes of heart,
chased a deluge of bitter saltish tears from his eyes. Yet
taking some counsell vpon these dolorous misaduentures:
A question did arise among the honourable *Hetrurians*,
sworn vpon the Dukes counsell, whether the death of
Lord *Andromus* was an execrable example, from the
mighty power: or maledict spirites charmed to weake
a small destruction vpon them. In these long consultati-
ons, every mans opinion knitte vp in one vniiformity,
that *Andromus* death chaunced by lewde fantasticall
conioration, not by mysteriall gouernment, of the cele-
stiall insight. And y the mighty prince *Stolas* in the form
of a Night rauen, with his twenty and sixe legions
drawne with inchaunters cyrle, shewed out this no-

When cattel
is taken from
mans vse, by
punishment
not for their
guiltinesse, but
their want pro-
curing scarcity,
to whom their
seruice is dew.

No greater
grief then wic-
ked posterity,
not enioying
honorable su-
neral with their
predicessour.
Magick art
wrought by
Planetical cha-
racks of great
force.

Spirits within
the regionall
monarchi, soft,
cold, palpable
& weak: but in
proprial line-
aments, apt in
their operati-
ons, perfect &
fayre in kinde,
not simple, but
instrumentall
bodies.

A Legion,
6666.

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table admiration and vniuersall prodigy, vpon *Lorde Andromus*. The Duke with aduise of some satyring friendes, layde pleasures aside, as wel because pestilence deuoured the people, murraine consumed Cattel, subiectes growing loathsome to them selues, tillage decayed, al thinges out of frame and barranaged, by meanes of the Dukes incontinencie with *Eldorna*. And although *Andromus* a late terror and true testimony, admonishing al tyrannicall flatterers to feede Princes vayne with false attempts: Yet the Dukes Court not vnfurnished with new startvs, reuiuing his dead vniuerses with straunger insinuations, imbe-seled his wittes to al maner of bloodshedding and rapinous extortion. The Dukes flexible follies without further searching, what comfort and counsel might best be taken and receiued, his miserable mind presently to be refreshed: those which either fed his humours or delighted his ears, most readily entertained them. One *Pasifer* a base bozne crauen, made pꝛoue whether sweet iuyce were sucked out of a Dukes Court, or courtly manners gaine estimation, or deluding art of speech deserues familiarity, neyther vnacquainted with the Dukes complexion, nor vnskilful to handle his owne exployte, first chogelpe conuaying him selfe, sparing no trauaile, neither by day nor night, to seeke, wine and obtaine the same. *Pasifer* nothing bashful to speake for him selfe, with countenance vchangeable, behaviour impudent, hardened with impenetrable boldnes. Nothing pꝛeuaileth against a Charles flatterer, his Art sucketh sweetly and loketh al the vayne vnawares. Surely if Noble estates could so consider, nothing happeneth more pernicious, then to be incensed and misled with fraudulent allurements of a flatterer. Although at the first brunt not easely discouraged in euer flexible nature, yet their abhor

A Carter counterfaying a Courter, is like an Ape moing and disguyfing euery mans gesture.

The expression of a flatterers ornaments.

A flatterers heart halow vndermineth.

to her *Adventures.*

abhominable factions, although neuer so priuie, yet
 at length appeare more brighter, then a light flaming
 Beacon, vpon the top of a high Mountayne. The
 late vengeance duely executed vpon *Andromus*, coulde
 not sufficiently aduise nor warne a negligent slougar,
 but presently after the cutting off a Snakes head, ta-
 keth hold on a Serpents tayle. *Pasifer* sayning himselte
 expert in Physicke, practiseth a medicine to salue the
 Dukes soze, and increase his toye, stretcheth forth his
 Artificiall baynes, like a baselicke, paynted with sweet
 Berries of the mountayne *Brosco*: And yet baned with
 bitter seeds of the deadly herbe *Onixion*, tolde the Duke
 it was a reprochful dishonor if he accounted not the con-
 uaying of *Egeria*, a dispite to his Person, an inueigling
 of common subiects to possible daungers. If not reme-
 died, wil whet their Swords to sharper edges, sodainly
 cut off his prosperous dayes. Wherefore sayth *Pasifer*,
 in sending out a Garrison of new appoynted souldi-
 ers: I my selfe will aduenture as chiefe Captayne
 in that service, wreake your Princely displeasure vpon
Tarratus (Lorde Marshal) for his desert, as wel
 because *Tarratus* Lorde Marshal, vntrustily demeanu-
 red him selfe, againste your condigne royaltie: and
 Lorde *Andromus* your moste trusty Counsellour and
 friend brought to villanous confusion among them.
 The Duke not altogether boyd of taste, with hungry
 appetite, maketh exception of his francke offer. *Pasifer*
 in rigorous boldenesse, with pestilent pursuite,
 putteth Lorde Marshal, his Wife, Children, and fa-
 milie to sharpe dint of Sworde, and hotte broyles of
 furious fier, save onely one of his Children, a proper
 sayre wench, absent from her Father and Mother.
 brought vp with Lord *Asopus*, the Duches owne bro-
 ther: the which childe forthwith, conuayed to the holy
 Castle,

A flatterer
 vnkowne,
 vntill his ac-
 tions bewrai
 his sharpe
 weapons, by
 which secret-
 ly woundeth

Pasifer the
 flatterer rea-
 dely entering
 the Dukes
 vaine.

A flatterer
 wil readily
 proffer an e-
 uil service.

Sweet flat-
 tery accep-
 ted.

Ladie Egeria

Castle, whomost naturally was brought up in al bo-
 norable education by Duches Egeria. But Pasifer after
 this murthier some conflict, returned safe to the Dukes
 presence: who not onely rewarded his valiant service
 with Golde and rich treasures, but indued him with
 great lands and reuenues. Besides al which, by letter
 of deputation, constituted him to guide and gouerne his
 whole dominions. The Duke thinking the death of
 Lord Andromas not sufficiently acquitted, sendeth forth
 a princie scrutenye thorow out his dominions, whether
 any such coniuers, sorcerers, and inchaunters could be
 espied, which wrought the final death and sodaine de-
 struction of Lord Andromas. This butcherly Pasifer as
 chiefe gouernour, with sundry captaines and seueral ar-
 mies, hasteneth to assault the coniuers Cities. For in
 Hetruria as certaine Cities appointed onely to the ha-
 bitation of charmers and coniuers, prinkledged only to
 them selues: no man might plant among them, but
 such as were professed in the knowledge and skil of that
 Art and faculty. As Pasifer approached towardes these
 cities, dared not to hazard him selfe very neere, sayned
 to speake with the princial gouernours of the fraun-
 chiscis, touching great affayres and waighty businesse
 from the Duke, in the gouernement of the common
 wealth, the which nothing scaring imminent danger
 that the colde Frost woulde pearce the naperine leaues
 in hot sommer, or the hottie sommer melt the Saxenfrage
 stone in the stormy winter, reputing their rocke sure,
 and foundation intremouable, innocently presented
 them selues before Pasifer, who without any impeach-
 ment, or further matter layde to their charge, like a
 bloody Butcher in open Chambles caused their throates
 to be cut, with present deuastation spoyled, consumed,
 and burned ten notable Cities, to slanders and ashes,
 which

Flatterers
 feather them
 selues with
 promotions
 and rewards

The Duke
 hath a bloo-
 dy mynd

Pasifer win-
 neth his
 spurs by vi-
 riperous
 meanes.

This policy
 in Hetruria
 al treasons,
 murthers,
 felonyes,
 first inuesti-
 gated and
 discouered
 by art Ni-
 cromancy.
 Then after
 punished by
 penal law, so
 that the
 whol domi-
 nion had re-
 course to
 those cities.

to her Aduentures.

which for the space of six hundred yeares before were
renowned by Art. *Nicromancie*. Rescuing one-
ly the Golden ornaments which appertained to their
actions: as bookes, *Swords*, *Crownes*, *Ringes*, *Scep-*
ters, *Synods*, *Pentagozons*, *Charens*, *Keyes*, as a rich
Boty and spoyle giuen to the common souldiers, that
which was pure and perfect Golde detayned, but *Cer-*
maundement royally giuen out, to transport the bookes
onely, before the Duke to be burned. The Duke after
al these Ague fits finished, promising securitie to him
selfe, singular contertation, and intier affection to his
sweete deare *Eldorne*, Princely renowne, and royal ad-
uancement to his politticke Counsellor, and trustie
friend *Pasifer*. Yet the loue of subiectes, a guiltlesse
conscience, and good name, these groundwozkes the
stablishing of al truethe wanted: Besides which the
Duke vtterly deceined in his owne imaginations, for
that penal shame began to knocke euery hower at his
gates, slaying him with infamie and dishonour. *Eldor-*
na his amorous Lady beeing great with Childe, the sa-
cred iudgements prescribing these torments and inflic-
tions, a fable for the populer sort of men, continually
to gnaw vpon: Besides which the Dukes vile affection
possessed with lewd lustre, hunting after rancke car-
riou neuer glutted, but mislead in the dayly defarts of vaine
delectations. *Eldorna* on her behalfe with prouident dis-
cretion, forecasteth her slippery glyding day: Her bro-
ther Lord *Anatomus* taken away, the Dukes head to-
sed with inconstant inclinations, his treadings loose
and vnshure, on whom she principally depended, could
not so safely be imbarked, as her expectation desired:
wished shee had wel left, where she yll began. This
tottering vpon a broken Bridge, by little and little cast
her selfe into the lone and good liking of *Pasifer*, many

The Art of
Nicroman-
cy rooted
out from the
dominion
of Hetruria.

An adulterer
not satisfied
with the beau-
ty of one.

A harlot in-
constant.

Ladie Egeria

The sleights
of a Harlot
in the con-
uaying her
lewd life.

A priuate
comfort to
him self, but
a publike
shame to the
world.

Bastard as of
inclination
for the most
part giuen
to villany,
tyranny, and
all other ex-
ecrable ex-
ploits.

A spirit con-
iured within
the Image
pronounced
the names
of Noble
mens chil-
dren.

ficial contemplations, seeing each other, as oportu-
nity happily ministred occasion, mispent no one hour
in the day without yeelding some ambous fruites.
Duke *Lamparus* betterly vnacquaynted with these vn-
truely trickes, rested rather vpon the vnskillfulnes of
a yong bird, then the raunging out of an olde Buzzard:
yet, *Ellyrna* passed forth the time but in yong vnripe
fantasies with *Pasifer*, vntil shee were deliuered, the
which time of safe deliuerance fully expired, was to the
Duke both priuate solace, and publike shame. A man
Childe brought forth into the world, approued the on-
ly popson by which the Duke was choaked: a Cater-
pillar thorough whom, the common wealth is gnawed.
But alas, who would esteeme and regard an vnatur-
rall bastard, borne in a sower crab stock, and vnnatu-
rally reiect the good children of vertuous *Egeria*, graft-
ed, bred, and nourished, in the sweete Apple tree:
what good inclination would fasten his right hande
to the top, and with his left hande pull vp the roote:
Whereas the Children of good *Egeria*, were brought be-
fore the Image of *Hercules*, in mourning & sorrowfull
teares, without any pomp or glozy, so this Bastard, the
childe of a Harlot, royally receiued before the same Im-
age of *Hercules*, with such sumptuous magnificence,
as no King coulde surpasse in such a case, with try-
umphes, solemn iustices, playes of *Venus*, the comedy of
Lady Lucretia, a tragicall History of the banishment of
Learnes in *Greece*, with pleasant minstrellie, dauncing,
saunting, feasting, banquetting, with al other solitie,
as though they had beene before quite mortified: and
nowe a day of fresh reuification approached. The voice
of the image at the petition of the instituted priest, cal-
led the Bastard Childe, *R. Hophell*: as much to saie, the
Man of infamie. The Nobles regarded not to make
further

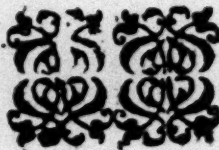
Ladie Egeria

The good
& vertuous
are preferred
in all straights
& dangers.

Friends still
stirred vp to
defend ver-
tuous inno-
cency.

times, their espials brought netes to the Dukes court,
reported that Duches *Egeria* continued her abode
within Saynt *Cyprians* sanctuary, the holy Castle. The
Duches thorough secrete friends admonished, that a
snare and engine layd out for to apprehend and entrap
her. Her captivity before, with the distraction of Lord
Marthal and his wife, and furious tyranny, diuers o-
ther wayes executed, were sufficient instructions to
regard her safety. Forthwith in the company of Lord
Apasus her brother, and diuers other Lords, Ladies, gen-
tlemen, and their wiues, with the Lord *Marthalls*
daughter, attending and wayting her person, with great
care and endeuour toke ship, hauing a merry winde,
hoysted vp saile towards the Land of *Barberia*: Into
which Countrey, her Sonne was before conueyed and
arrived. The tediousnes of the iourney not so much trou-
blesome, as that dangerous hyppocrack dasyng vpon
a Craggy Rocks, hazarded their liues: but that For-
tune in the midst of miseries fauouring them. Cer-
taine other strange shippes passing by, rescued theire
vnlucky perilles. Notwithstanding he freshly rigd a-
gaine, yet enforced by tempestuous wind and weather,
vpon a fruitfull Ilande, called *Palimon*: within which
place, a right Noble Knight inhabited governing the
people. Lord *Apasus* spake to the Knight, in the name
of the Duches and the rest as followeth.

Of



to her *Adventures.*

further Inquirie vpon the *Barbarous* fate and destiny, least either the Duke should be overcome with immoderate ioyes, or broken downe with immeasurable sorowes: committed successe of time to appoyne and make tryall in the rest. The Duke taking no final consolation in breeding this filthy young venomous vermine *Rastophell*, dazled in dotage, imagining winter stormes overpast, and the pleasant arrival of a cleare Sommer at hand. And although to *Lamparus* unawares, yet nipt and attached with a private disease in the bowles, by meanes of the new toyed loue of *Pasifer* and *Eldorna*, the league of friendship and faithfull of flattery, so limiting the Dukes conceites, no mistrustfullnesse could arise, first sweetning his mouth with the brave beauty of fayre *Eldorna*. Secondly reioycing in the policie and practise of *Pasifer*. And the third allurements, and hope in the budding youth of the *Barbarous* blossome *Rastophell*. What a long relation might I make of the sport and saluance begonne betwene *Pasifer* and *Eldorna*, hanging bended the Duke to their bowle, hanging their noses over the whole Realme, controlling in what seemed best to them selves. And whereas in the virtuous dayes of the trustie spouse *Egeria*, the Dukes head diseased and befrighted with the returne of Ielousie: So now his darling *Eldorna*, and cunning Counsellour *Pasifer*, gaue him a Glyster beneath so his aking *Berchiese* above. Having reclosed her love and loue to *Pasifers* pleasure, when the Duke was sleeping, they would be waking, when the Duke was in the Chamber, they were handling pretty toies in the Clozet, when the Duke was in one place, they were in another, keeping company together, discouraging vpon Louers lawes. In the midst of their pa-

The Duke taking holde vpon three broken staves.

to her *Adventures.*

Of the Duches arriuall within the I-

land *Palimou*; her honorable intertaynement: her notable cure vpon the Knight, her perfect skil in the knowledge of *Phisicke*.



Worthy Man, we straungers and Aliens from thy People and Iland, by meanes of many misadventures aduersely fallen out, compelled hither to make our refuge in seeking friendship among you: here is the renowned chaste Duches *Egeria*, long bereft with captivitie, arraigned and condemned to die. Escaping the subtle snares of enemies, betooke her selfe to banishment, and now hardly auoyding shipwreck, committeth her selfe to your mercy: She left not her native soyle for euil desert, lewd behaviour, misgouerning her life: for she is a continent and chaste matron, bearing the glory of vertue in her countenance. A cruel vniust woe chaunced vnto her young dayes, to become the nuptiall spouse of a voluptuous vncle Duke, more esteeming and hauing in price the false dissembling face of a Harlot, then good continent *Egeria*: reclosed more credite to the vniust asseueration of one *Andromas* a flatterer, then the pitifull teares of this honourable person, whose life from her infancy hath hitherto continued without blame. But as fortune hath to this your presence, neuer departed aside from our safe conduct, so since whose deliuerance the Ravens of the ayre, for example of terrible iustice, haue denoured that vniust false villain.

The Knight intertained them (Right honorable) for good liking and fauourable hono^r. vertuously appearing

The graue moderation of a chaste matron, discerned from the roling eyes of a harlot.

Mercy wayteth in the gates of the righteous.

Ladie Egeria

Humilitie
throweth
downe the
vertuous to
belowly in
their owne
sight.

Duches
speaking in
the grecke
tong.

in their faces, gave to understand of their honesty. The Knight willingly with gorgeous and sumptuous intertainment, according to the worthinesse of honorable strangers haue receiued them, refusing that offer, thanking his curtesie, esteeming them selues in aduersitie, as pilgrims thrown vpon strange rocks of hard fortune, glad of friends and friendship, notwithstanding the Duches humiliation. Yet the Knight commaunded the best and wealthiest within the Island to attend, providing all necessaries for their indigence and want, besides which, the most pleasauntest buildings were appointed within the Island for their lodgings: who after long recreation, refreshing their wearisome miseries with good ease, craving licence to depart. The Knight hauing a greuous strange disease rayning vpon him, called Lassabeu, in the nature of a bloudy flux, many yeares before most strangely bered him. Duches Egeria taking some view of the Knight sayth: good Sir, your disease evidently is known to me, partly already wel acquainted with the nature thereof: am no professed Physitian nor Chyrurgion, but if it stand with your pleasure to aduenture your selfe vpon my simple skil. Although a stranger, yet to my vttermost gift & experience wil, seek the recovery of your health. The Knight saith (good Duches) I thank you for your courteous offered friendship, if by your knowledge my health be recovered, I shal obtaine a greater benefite from your good grace, then euer could be ministred vnto me by any mortal creature yet liuing. I haue to my great cost and charge, intertayned the best and most learnedst Physitions and Chirurgicals from sundry famous places of the world, yea men of renowned credite haue trauailed vnto me: yet hitherto I neuer thorow their wisdome, cunning, learning, policy and practise, coulde be remedied or eased. Duches Egeria

to her Adventures.

Egeria both in her captiuitie at Oleria, and during her Sanctuary continuance in the holy Castle, studiously applied her selfe to attayne that skil, besides the honorable deuine natural gyfts, with which she was indued for her better grace, in that faculty, proued notable and profound. Although shee were a worthy Duchesse of Royal bloude, yet the fullsomnesse of the disease, neither was pkesome vnto her, neither the daintinesse which her degree might require, disdayne her to make refusal of any paines for the accomplishment of her patientes health, she applied medicines both within and without of such vertue and effect, thow so which the Knight very shortly recovered not only health, but liued long after a very perfect and sound man. The Knight thow so this acquaintaunce, found out the incomparable vertue, wisdom, learning, skil and modest chastitie, which abounded in this noble Duchesse, procured her renowne to be published, in manye forrayne Nations, appoynting a sure ship, trusty Mariners, with great store of provision for her passage, rewardeth her with great treasures: writeth to the king of Barbary, Letters touching her rare and excellent ornaments of nature. Per what a renowned woman his country was like to enioye, wishing he might haue bene worthy of so blessed and good creature to haue dwelled amongst his people. This good Duchesse Egeria, her deare brother Lord Apalus, with the residue of her honourable company passed forth their iourney towarde Barbaria: where, and into which country most ioyfully shee was intertayned of the King, Queene, Estates, as the best and chifest of that Nation, with al other sortes of people fauour for her courteous humilitie: her ornamentes for her skill, worthinesse for her vertue: learning for her greates study, increased, flowed and

Duchesse Egeria educated in lib. all Arts, besides which indued with sundry princely qualities.

Ladie Egeria

A Phisitian
must be ac-
quainted
with al di-
seases, as wel
belonging
to chirurge-
ry as phisick.

abounded, reaching so far into the noble science of Phi-
sicke, able to dispute, talke, and reason with the best and
most learnedst in the woꝛlde therein. This noble Du-
ches *Egeria*, guyded so much by wisdomes lore, that ma-
ny foꝛraine Princes came to reuerence her, besides com-
mon people full of sundꝛy strange diseases homaged
her person, foꝛ remedy and ease: some foꝛ one grieve, some
foꝛ an other, as the falling sicknesse, the disease of *Elan-*
der, called with vs the shingles, foꝛ Lunatickes, foꝛ re-
medies against the pestilence, foꝛ strangulion, foꝛ pur-
gations to the stomach and spleane, foꝛ payne in the bla-
der, foꝛ breaking the stone, to purge the brine, to auoyde
the brine, foꝛ Collicke, foꝛ the blacke and yelloꝛ iau-
dize, foꝛ the body mispent by consumptions, foꝛ coughes
in the deuastation of the lunges and liuer, foꝛ mures
and megrims, foꝛ bloody fluxe, foꝛ painful stiches, foꝛ
cramps, pallses, aches in the backe, the sweating dropsy,
foꝛ paines in the eyes, foꝛ gouts, foꝛ swellings, the can-
ker, foꝛ any maner of decrepit lamenes: there was no
disease as wel named as vnnamed, but *Duches Egeria*
taking in hand, her excellent knowledge gaue health
and soundnes. Oh how many mighty Princes and
great Monarches of the woꝛlde, content to stoupe foꝛ
health of body to this woꝛthy woman, how wonderful
treasures, rich ietwels were dayly layde befoꝛe her, sent
from al part of the woꝛlde, in respect of her magnifi-
cence, renowned fame, admyꝛable credite, vniuersally
spread. The gaine of this gloꝛy did moꝛe depꝛesse and
martyꝛ her enemies, then if she had made a conquest
vpon them with fouꝛty thousand men of war, the honoꝛ
which shee attayned vnto in *Barbery*, a foꝛrain Nation,
as good occasions offered, the woꝛld most glad of her, con-
digne fauor, presented her person: recompencing her ex-
tremities ouerpass, in al maner of Princely ioyes, ouer
pꝛising

to her *Adventures.*

pzising the most gladſome dayes that euer ſhe liued in her owne native country. The Duches good ſucceſſe abroad, not a little freated & cankred ſtomachs of her enemies, as Duke *Lampanus* her husband, *Eldorna* & *Pasiſer* at home, repenting that better ſozecaſt had not ſetled in their heads, in the pzepention of ſuch miſchiefes, by this pzopoſerous euent like to inſue. *Eldorna* inioying *Pasiſers* loue & pleaſure in faithſul ſeruiſe vnccontrolled, beginneth now to ſedome & framel the deepeſt waters, in ſtead of the mighty *Trouts*, catch the poore ſooliſh herring. This the Duke deceiued, ſtrange foggy myſtes ſmoking from the loſty rockes aboue, no leſſe then maruailous to the low ballis beneath. The Duke as a inſtrument of folly, blinded with baine wil and ſooliſhe affection, vſed to what purpoſe this *Miniano* pleaſed, firſt framed by *Pasiſers* fraudulent documentes, ceaſed not moze and moze, traueling their wits, inceſſauntly ſpurring their ſences, as wel ſoz the maintenaunce of their iniuſt vſurpation, as trembling in quotidian feauer ſits, leaſt their lewd leachery ſhoulde aſpire to the Dukes cares, not a little tozmented in their ſpirites, aduiſed them ſelues by pzioie conſultation togeather, how the glaſſe might be cracked in ſhiners, leaſt their infectious brins ſhould be caſt againſt the bzight ſunne beams, as wel to pzocure their owne ſafety, as inſolently deiecting the the pzerogative eſtate, by ſubtle ſcience of wit, inueigled the Duke to deliuer vp the title of his gouernement and dominion to *Raſtopbell* his baſtard ſonne. Al which brought to vnhappy paſſe, *Eldorna* and her louer *Pasiſer* without gaineſay, moze ſafely ſoz recreation might toſſe the Tennis ballis, waſhing their countenance ſo ſayre in the Dukes preſence, without ſuſpicion, as though no blemiſhe were in beauty, nor lewdneſſe in loue. The Duke many times ſitting like a di-

Harlots are enuious, fearing euery one that looketh vpon them wil be- wray their lecherous li- uing.

Ladie Egeria

when a har-
lot suppo-
seth allure,
then grea-
test plagues
for their de-
serts at hand

ward, deserted and left to him selfe, putting a broken
staffe in his hands to holde by. Receiving onely five
thousand Florence by the yeare towards his main-
teinance: And Pasifer appointed Lord gouvernour of
Rastophel for his education, trayned him by in Mi-
cromancy, proued so expert therein, excelled all the
Magicke masters and Micromancers of that age and
time. The Duke for refreshing his broken wits, early
in a morning did ride forth into the green forests called
Radundon, leauing his company and tract of Hownds,
glaucing his colwyser somewhat aside, by chaunce
mette with a poore countrie peasaunt, called Truth-
telall. Good morrowe fellowe, saith the Duke whi-
ther art thou traouelling? Good Sir, I am passing
forth towards Olerna vppon necessary busynesse.
Tell me, doest thou knowe the Duke of this lande, no
by my truth, I knowe him not, neither care if I ne-
uer doe, except his manners were better, and wittes
more surer. What saith the Duke, doe his maners in-
domage or hurte thee: no saith the clowne, he hurtes
both him selfe, and his whole Countrie and people.
The Duke inwardly chafed, hardly coulde governe
nature, or tie vppon affection to heare the poore inno-
cent slave reckon vpon his abhominable life. Ah saith
the Duke. What reportes doe the Countrie giue
out of Lady Eldorna: saith the simple fole, some say
she is an arrant filthye whoore, hath quite vndone
this Noble fruitfull Dukedome, which for ma-
ny hundred yeres hath bene richly guided, now ouer-
throwen by Eldorna, whose iniurious counsell, firste
procured vertuous Egeria, and her children to ban-
ishment, nowe translating the Scepter and domini-
on to Rastophell her bastard sonne: besides whiche the
Duke

to her Adventures.

Duke is vsed as a fiddle to play vpon, for Pasifer day & night, pranneth the Dukes white ambling Mare, which so choicely is reserved to his own saddle. It is no small grieve to subiectes heartes, that the Dukes wilfull stopping his eares againste good aduise. But the Duke forceth Truthelall, that simple wretch to daunce attendance at the Court. although feigning vnmeasurable laughter, and much pleasaunt mirth. Yet Truthelall stroke a sharpe deadly dagger to his hart: I my selfe am the Duke, charging and commaunding thee vpon payne of present death, to aduolue, and vtter at large the same wordes to Eldorna, whiche hast already discovered before mee: I will be thy safeguarde from all harmes, and well rewarde thy paynes therein. Truthelall seemed to play his parte before the Duke, in the presence of Eldorna, counterfetting the gesture of an ydiot, pleasantly conceited him selfe to expell phantasticall bygges from the Dukes bryaines. My Lord saith Truthelall, you haue a faire ponde, preserving the daintiest Fishes for your owne taste, when you playinge in your bedde a flattering thiefe, glauering you by day, framelleth your freshe waters by night. Your white Swannes, swimming in your most pleasaunt rivers preserved by you, but pluckt by others: your delicate plumbetree, dayntily kept, for your owne tooth, a priuie practiser bnatwares thzoweth a mayne cougel into the best bowes thereof: but suche is your liberall and franke hearte, if within your garden a sweate pospe be gathered, sufficient smelles besides. refreshing your senses, vnmissed, no grieve. If you spit honny, and drinck popson, vnseene of the eie, not rued of the heart, the Duke opening his blind senses, began to

Truthelall
begins his
talke before
Eldorna.

Truthelall
mockes the
Duke.

Ladie Egeria

Cayninos,
otherwise
called Truth
telall.

enter into the cleare knowledge of Eldorna and Pasifars
violent villany, fel into witles fury, watched the gates,
the city being a fire, would suboue Eldornas inclinati-
on, when he himselfe before was slaine, this drench mi-
nistred by Truth:telall, powdring his stomache began to
curse and sweare: wishing him selfe dead, aboue al men
most cursed, giuing credite to false Whores and flat-
tering knaues. Wel saith Eldorna, if my sight and com-
pany haue gluttoned & pampered your affections, I praye
you make speedy deuoidance of me, I will not impaire
your honoz, I was neuer accounted a whore, before I
met with a violent leacher. I am young, yet not boide
of this experience: if subiect to wit, yet wil without wit
getting a better choise, hath free libertie, vpon better as-
surance, dischargeth her selfe. If you so gladly desire se-
paration from my societie, I must brooke & digest your
hard nature in the same as I may. These furious sto-
ries ouerpasse Pasifer this present night intitled Truth-
telal to a secrete corner of the Dukes Pallace thrust a
sharp sword through his heart, buried his pesaunts car-
kas within a stinking dunghil. Al which pearcing the
dukes cares no lesse lothesome, then greefesome, helps
preuailed not, remedy being away, as a man heat in the
head, diseased in his browes with the cornicles of Co-
rintb hastily running, beating, prancing and vaunting,
at length after bayard had wel gawled his mouth with
the bridle, stayed, deliuered out for himselfe as fol-
loweth.

The

to her *Aduentures.*

The Dukes wordes to Eldorna vp-

*braiding her falsehode and
ingratitude.*



If wholesome counsell, of wise and lear-
ned men, coulde haue remoned my in-
flexible minde, I had not now bene o-
uerturned. If my defence had taken
her guidance, by the gentle reede ben-
ding with euery winde, hither and thither, standeth
safe, had not now like the proude stately Oke, ouer
high in mine owne conceite, beene cast vp by the roots:
the same ignominious scozne, happeneth to me, as the
simple goate, meeting with the crafty ingenious Fore
drinking togeather in þe deepe diches, the For by faire
wordes, was lifted vp by the goates Hornes to the
highe bankes. The simple goate leaning ouermuch
to the Fores faire wordes, least to himselfe, knewe no
way to escape, wished, before the danger taken in hand,
deliberation had better considered what followed, both
had auoided shame, mockery, fraude and destruction.
So surely if gouernment in the beginning hauing, fore-
seene the end, had not now beene subiect to wicked
false and peruers wapes of your disguised dissimu-
lations. Haue I hatred in place of Friendship, hath
familiarity brought contempt, hath beneuolence nur-
sed by ingratitude. Behold the poore vertuous Ant, in
her kind almost drowned, hauing but one little sprig to
craule vpon in defence of life, throughte downe into the
water by the simple dow, could not sleep, vntil requital
were made, bestinged the Fowlers foote making a
noyse, admonishing the improuident Byrdes to escape
the

Ingratitude
of all vices
most dete-
stable.

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the subtle secret nets. I haue neglected al mens ad-
uise to pferre and aduance your reputations, ha-
uing banished Wife, Childzen, bereaft sundry good
men of their liues, forsaken friendes and subiectes, re-
signed my seignioz into your handes, strypped my selfe
naked, your wil and pleasure in all pointes, yet brute
brastes and soules of the ayze in all thankfulness and
humanity, cruel and reach beyond your sauage natures.
This the Duke beate him selfe: A pound of grace,
dearer then a nounce of sweat: a Pitcher of some les-
ser prized, then a sicken of teares. Eldorna & Pasifer kee-
ping present silence, in great snuffe departed the Dukes
Hallace, to an other house whiche they inoyed in the
right of Raltophell the Bastard, beeing there settled. Pa-
sifer wyiteth backe to the Duke as followeth.

Pasifers Letters to the Duke.



Our euil deserts and franticke fa-
shions haue so wounded the inwarde
cogitations of your most truest and
deare friendes: altogeather ashamed
from time to time their indiscretion
should hazarde credite, life and goods
for such a one, who rather was to be
shoytened and cut off, then succoured, as wel for your
gracelesse ingratitude, as tyrannical foolish demeanours,
but specially the misgouernment of this Duke-
dome. Since you forget to reclyne the right rule of
of honest lyfe, vnrasonable desire abandoning mu-
tual loue, must of speciall care to the common wealth,
remedy inconueniences thozow your negligent sloth-
fulness, rather increase then diminishe. Especially
since

to her Adventures.

Since Fortune hath disposed me a Honourable Ma-
istrate, in the right of vertuous Rastophell, toward-
ly in politicke administration, wil defect in any part of
righteous duetie committed: most readily bent to a ^{Evill things}
bridge your licentious minde and carelesse living, ^{prayed for}
from such enormities as may wholly evert his royall ^{gaynes.}
dominion, if not other wayes forecast. For as you
have dispossessed your selfe from all absolute power of
ruling the Realme: So we must reclaime your busie
vanities, either to live as a private person, or els by
banishment renounce these our dominions: must ear-
nestly cast our eyes in appeasing the outrage of dome-
stical enemies, repress the practises of foraine foes,
espie the policies of Egeria and her Counsaillours, <sup>Egeria a cor-
sic to their
stomaches.</sup>
al which concerneth the establishment of that famous
young Marshal Prince Rastophell, where you vainely
sticking in love of Eldorna, blow the light feathers of
Phrigia against the boisterous Northren windes of E-
gypt, whom without moderation you over long have
abused, seee thowow your uncircumspect interprize, a
pointing marke for the world to wonder at, her recou-
ry of your abuses, in consideration of better experience,
fully lessoned in repentance, determineth honest nup-
tial matching with my person, retyzeth from infamy.
reiecteth a bruised crushd coubdgel, leaning more confi-
dently upon the sure staffe of vertuous life. Wherefore
to be short, take as a choyce to your selfe, what after-
clappes by stubberne resisting maye fall out: on the
contrary, by quiet departing into a foraine Region,
to your life, name and goods, a defence: or if private
lyfe may better like within this your native Country,
not intermedling or reaching within the royal estate,
we readily are to favor protect and defend you. If per-
suasions not uncouching your prou stomach, settled in

The shame-
les pretende
repentance
to couer
their vilenes

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The Duke
called to me
mory his
former life,
of which we
are all forget
ful, without
some sharpe
spur of re-
membrance.

willful obstinate, improuidently, producing vaine hope
to your selfe, muste be content to treade the path of
misery and beggerie. A Duke ought not, to beare so
base a mynde, in obeying such Desannly qualities.
Wherefore let warninges, wisely forecast what in de-
nial of reasonable requestes, may bring: I doubt not
then, but you will accept that good ordinary way, which
shal bring best securitie. The Duke after perusing
these saucy and malapert Letters, wel backe beaten
with his owne wasser, stayed, and breathed vpon *Pasi-*
fers former flatteryes, intertayned these dry blowes as
reuenges for his hard cruelty, a great lesse, no lwy, in
exchange of Louers: Often times sighed, remem-
bring in what oversight hee was lead and alured, in-
iuriously defaming and banishing his deare wyfe *Ege-*
ria: Cruelly murdering Lorde Marshal, his Wife, Chil-
dren and family: the ten Cities of the Picromancers:
him selfe utterly dyspoyled, oner much leaning to the
tryling pleasures of a Harlot, peckred with the treche-
rie and false alurementes of that villayne *Pasifer*.
Whereas heretofore true consideration, coulde not ar-
rest an vnstayed conceit, from vnnatural supplan-
tion of his owne Children, banishing them to hard ad-
uentures of roving Fortune. So hauing also refig-
ned the keyes of his Dukedome to a Bastardly mis-
creant, the Sonne of a most stenchd Strumpet. Al-
these motions as medicins working a speedy conuer-
sion, coulde not so much helpe his memozy, and byn-
sed braynes, as in that he was a telling stocke to the
woylde, degenerated from Royall blode: his No-
bles, Counsellours, valiaunt Captaynes, worthe
Men of armes, prudent Judges, and sage Sena-
tores, left him to his owne miserie: His vile, base,
and poore Subiectes, cryed out for due iudgementes
vpon

to her *Adventures.*

upon him, found no consolation to rest upon in this
so harde and difficult a cause. Wh^{ch} saith *Lampinus* to
him selfe, If I staying within the Territories of
these dominions, euery man wil scorne my wret-
ched plight, neither with reasonable requestes, may
I craue mercy, or succour of any subiect, for that ha-
uing layde vniuersal Plagues vpon my whole coun-
trie: Besides my mislead life, offensive, odious and
contemptible to the face of men. How may I expect
safety, a Duke of Royal blood, hauing lined in coun-
tenance, of a whole seigniorie, now disgraced, bereft,
measured with fire thousand Florences, payed by the
discretion of flattering traitours. The Duke vpon
these inwarde pearcing prickes, without company, de-
parted his dominion, and native Countrey, smiting
the pilgrims penaunce, which fortune had appointed,
and his owne folly deserued. Firke trauailing ma-
ny strange countries, at length, bathed vpon the Land
of *Mesopotamia*, made common lacke and spoyle of
him selfe, destitute of money, solde Ringes, chaines,
bracelets, brooches, and al other ornaments of golde, wa-
shed and furnished al that euer he had: was in a foraine
Nation compelled thorow penury and wretched fa-
mine, to craue the beneuolent compassion, of wel dispo-
sed people. Euery one beholding his gallant coat vpon
his backe, his gaye hat vpon his head, his imbattered
hole vpon his legges, verily esteemed him, some stout ex-
trauagant, more delighting in wandring wilddnes, then
good service, or els sent abroad, as a spie to viewe the
commodities of their countrie and Land, some feareful,
some carelesse, some dispitiful towarde him, so that in
such gazing bestutes, brimeet for beggers, no man wold
extend friendship or reliefe towarde his comfort. When
night drew on, least destitute of houserowme, intertain-
ment,

Lampinus
speaketh to
him selfe.

The Duke
begger and
no man will
open his pi-
ty, because
of his proud
vesture.

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ment, or lodging, fearnig such a lusty felowe would in the night, eyther kill, spoyle, robbe or hazarde them, by some other dangerous displeasure. The poore Duke, left to knock his heeles against the stones, in colde freezing nights glad to take vp a softe bedde in the harde broad fieldes. A pretty while this well pinched with colde, and hunger, inwardly remembred his iust plague, so happened, his owne inwarde thoughtes testifying not so much as his owne former life deserued, patwised with him selfe, what good way best might be taken in so extreme wretched case, either with shame to yelde what he was, or else to ease his extremities as he might, with hope in time to come, take holde of some better chaunce. The lesser ashamed of his foule reproche, being in an vnknown place farre from acquaintance, his calamities hereby became hardened, and impudent, early in a morning after little ease, and colde lodging all night, attempting some practise to chase hunger, and preserue life, in hope of better recovery, vchance meeting with an olde poore wretched Begger, hauing a ruinous lousie patcht cloke vpon his backe, desired the Begger to erchaunge their vestures. The Duke and Begger, both contented with this couenaunt, stripped themselves naked to the skinne. Duke Lampanus putting on the beggers poore patched ornamentes the strait harnesse beginning to pynche his shoulders shrubbed and rubbed him selfe like the wagging of a Sheepes tayle for the magotes. On the contrary, the poore Begger addrested himselfe in the Dukes costely apparell, Duke Lampanus sayeth to the Begger: Father, what pretty damosell is this, that accompanieth you. The Begger tolde him She is my
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daughter, her name is Sibil. I praye you saith the Duke. Sithens you haue my faire apparell, whiche may be to you both credite, and preferment. Let mee craue friendshippe two manner of wayes at your handes: The one is, let me haue saye Sibil your daughter to waite vppon mee, it may happen, I intende to make here my wyfe, the other let mee craue your bouget, and scrippe, the Begger content to graunt the Dukes reasonable requestes. Lampanus taking his case vppon the grasse, opened the Beggers bagge, founde good store of browne Breade, harde cheeke, and Bacon, Releuing, and mittigating his terrible hunger, passed sooth to a cleare spring neare adioyning, dronke a very insatiable pull, as though some Horse, or Mule, after drye prouender, would flounder and quarrel with euery water pytte-befoze his eyes. Duke Lampanus well refreshing his hungry maue and greedy gutes, almost clounged together for lacke of foode and sustenance, shaked his newe friende Begger by the hande, with bouget about his necke, saye Sibil that young trull at his heeles, passed out their iourney asking and begging in euery place they came, his olde patcht Beggers cloke Respected: wanted neither meate, drinke nor money. Alwayes when night approched, littered and sothered together with saye Sibil in a barne, tooke such pleasure in begging by day, and pastime with his young trull at night, his extreame downefall, from a Duke to a wretched Begger was neyther odious, nor hatefull vnto him still, misleading his wretched life. At lēgth this lusty walking mate fair Sibil cried out of her unhapi chance became gret belied. The Duke bethought himself, such a brach wil followe

Faire Sibil
the Dukes
walking
mate with
childe.

Ladie Egeria

might easely in time breed seven or eight whelps, at his beelines: vnskillfull to vnburthen him selfe from this waight, attempting many wayes, at length in a sayre hot sommer day, meeting with a barefoot fryer talking in Latin, disputing one with an other of *Humidum concoctum tenui si callido, admiscetur, venerem an excitat, cum semen non absumat.*

The Duke
departeth
from his wal-
king mate.

The Duke closing and clapping, perswaded with the Fryer y^e fair Sibil was possessed with an euil spirit, could not anye way be released, without a Fryers *Benedicem.* The Duke whyspering sayre Sibil in the ear, said: sweet loue, you and I, haue long liued in lewd lechery, it is high time to be shynen, from the seven deadly sinnes. I haue intreated this deuout good ghostly father Frier Harry, to take some pains in y^oder thicket wth you. The Fryer very wel contented with these netwes, took Sibill by the hand departed aside: good wy^e Harry sayth the Duke, v^{se} sayre Sibill manerly, shynen her thoroughly, talke to her pleasantly, she is a choyce thing, shamesfast and feareful Duke *Lampanus*, leauing this filthy drudge vnder Fryer Harries hands at randoms, to shift for her selfe, in the broad world, hastely passed ouer into Cipers, stil continuing a misdeameaned course of life, begging and wandring, from place to place, was according to straight lawes of that Country apprehended, taken for a vagrant runnagat, brought before the maiestrate, imprisoned, whipped, and rigorously punished. After these sharpe conflicts, and great warnings, a vertuous Gentleman of that Countrie, resorting by chaunce the common pryson, relieving the wretched estate, of miserable Captiues, beheld Duke *Lampanus*, bound, and fettered, with yron, and chaines, demaunded what country man he was, tolde him, a *Hetrurian* bozne: The Gentleman asked the cause of his imprisonment, who answering

to her Aduentures.

Swearing neither for treasō, murther, nor theft: only because being a straunger, inforced thoro' y^e sharp dart of pouerty to craue y^e countries beneuolence & reliefe. The gentlemā perceiuing Duke Lampanus wel qualified in learning, instructed in his tender yeares in al Prince's lie education, whose skil appeared very ripe, and ready both in Latin, Greeke, and the Caldean tongue, which in royal estate was altogether neglected, now standeth him in sure stead. The Gentleman contented to obtain enlargement, & freely set him at liberty, if he within his house would become a schoolmaster, for the bringing vp of his Childzen. Lampanus ioyful of this offer, hoping of some better dayes to come in ease, of his rufull plight past, yeelded the Gentlemans request. After long seruice in the trade of a schoolmaster, very painfully imployed trauaile & profited his schollers. By reason penury had pinched him, experience teaching a better fashio of liuing was wel gouerned, of good report, in fame, sauiour, and wel lyking of his Master, Mistresse, loued of the whole family. By continuance, these good occasions offered, made open confession to his Master, that he was the royal Duke of Hetruria. The Gentleman for his good deserts, forth with, as much as ability might serue, aduanced him in al lawful meanes, according to petition, safely conuayed him in comely apparel, iewels, mony, and prouision to his daughter Selwfa with Golden soote, brought vp in Duke Bendals house in Egypt, vpon arriuall, as vnacquainted approached the Dukes court: signified his businesse was to speake with the Dukes owne person. Duke Bendall incontinently vpon the message and news, that a certaine straunger, by speech a Hetrurian, desirous to frequent his honourable presence with some secreat talke. Forthwith as one ful of friendly intertainement, con-

Learning a
good de-
fence in all
aduerse ca-
lamities.

Ladie Egeria

ueted nothing moze, then speedely to repayer furnishing
his desires.

Duke Lampanus in the Greeke tounge

rehearseth al his miseries and misfortunes, especially
persues in complaint the villanies of
his owne nation Hettruria, as
followeth.

Lampanus
exclaimed
vpon his in-
iurious ene-
mies, but not
his owne
naughty ac-
tions.



The hard na-
ture which
first bani-
shed her, is
now desi-
rous to see
her.

The tempestes of aduersitye, haue
hurled me to your presence, not
of any euil pretence, or false de-
uise, attayning these your coun-
tries, but as one by subtle fet-
ches of insolent subiectes, ouer-
much leaned vnto them, repo-
sing my special trust & affiaunce
for the stay of my affayres in their handes, traitterously
haue beguiled me. I am (O noble Duke Bendal) Lam-
panus the true gouernour of Hettruria, banished from
my countries and dominions, bereaft and spoiled of al
that I did enioy. And sithens my deare daughter and
childe with Golden fote, Selewsa, at your charge and
wel liking brought vp: Nature and affection haue
drawne and ledde me hither to see her. Duke Bendal
with right god grace much reioyced, courteously recei-
uing and renerencing him, proffered his friendship,
power, and assistance, as wel to maintaine his present
estate, as finally restore him home to his dominions.
Selewsa with Golden fote, presented her selfe before
Duke Lampanus her father, who comending her beauty
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to her Adventures.

and deuine graces of nature, condemning his owne hard, harmeful heart, so much obeying wanton wil, in banishing, and vnrooting her from Hetruria her countrey. Saith Lampanus, what did I meane so plyant, ly consent, to lasciuious lust, and false flattery. But this an consolation saluing all the rest of my miseries, this present hope rewardeth all my paynesful panges ouer past. My Daughter Selewfa is lining. When my malicious minde committed my sayze Selewfa to banishment: I wishe my graue, had swallowed me. I am with my owne fantasse displeased, my mislead life loathed me there in. This one thing secretly re- steth within my hidden thoughtes: if euer I recouer againe my right and inheritaunce in Hetruria: Oh sayze Daughter Selewfa, refuse not to be crowned the Royal Duches of that Realme. Lampanus honourably mayntained according to Noble estate, onely at the cost and charges of Duke Bendall, the rather for fantasising sayze Selewfa, esteemed her a seemely meete wife for his Son and heyze young Lozde Nearich, nursed hyp togeather, might pursue the better oportunitie, to aspire the seignioz of Hetruria, gaying a royall estate, far ouer reaching his owne inheritaunce a simple Dukedome. Duke Bendall reuiued in glad some hope, of clyming the highest step of these famous dignities, made a special resolution to spare no colfe, nor stacker at the heauy burthen of charge for the accomplishment of so lusty expectation. Also Duke Lampanus made a determinate purpose, with more mature deliberation, and riper iudgement, to reclaime his dominions. But now in the domesticall busines of Hetruria. Pasifer, and Eldorna, practised their wits with equal circumuention, not onely for euer to bar Lampanus fro his Dukedome with al impossibility of euer re-
turning

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To inioy
present com-
modity are
conring a-
gainst their
cōscience to
iweare.

No here di-
taments due
to Bastards,
if by vsurpa-
tion they at-
taine, prof-
pereth not.

turning home againe, vſed diligent watch, examined
the bottome of euery attempt. At laſt debated vpon
the Cozonation of yong Rastophel, reſigned the crown
and Scepter into his handes, which beſore time they
had reſerued to his vſe. For declaration of true obedi-
ence, many of the beſt ſubiectes, did ſweare diſſoyaltie to
Duke Lampanus, duety and ſubiectiō to Rastophell
the Baſtard, who hauing this falſe vſurpation cloſe in
his cloutches, his vnkind behaniour, altered the mindes
of the welthieſt and beſt ſubiectes, with infinite trea-
ſures, as wel for their owne contentment and ſecure
tution to their liues, departed their natiue countrey.
The realme left vnepeopled, without tillage, deſtitute of
Bread, bereaſt of mony, treaſures, trafficke of marchan-
dize, from other Realmes, and dominions, for their ne-
ceſſary vſe decayed, al things was out of frame and good
order. Rastophell the Baſtard very young, proud, lea-
cherous, furious, altogether from his infancie, apply-
ing and ſtretching his wits in the ſcience and ſkill of
Picromancy, approued excellent and perfect there in,
wholly gouerned his dominions by the practiſe there-
of. Partly by the ſubiectes deuoiding the Realme, and
deuauſation of the dominion: as for that Paſifer ſome-
times woulde checke and controule Rastophell for his
riotous wretchedleſſe lyfe. An outrage, bitter miſliking,
and diſſention grew and waxed very ripe betweene
Rastophell, Paſifer, and Eldorna his Mother. One
Spido a notable cunning youth, brought vp with Ra-
stophell, wholly of his counſel, as wel to ſerue the pre-
ſent time, knowing he was no lawfull Prince, but a
vſurper, alſo beſewing the wretched calamity, and ruine,
the dominion was brought vnto, ſtirred ſlanders more
hotter among them, flattered Rastophel, feeding his
humours, aduiſed him to reiect Paſifer, and Eldor-

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na his Mother, make deniall of their checkes, con-
 tempne their controlementes, beare swaye of his
 owne absolute aucthoritye. Spido dayly whispering
 Rastophel in the ear, beganne to rouse vp his Pea-
 cockes feathers, forgetting to looke downe on his yel-
 lowe feete, extremely swealled, furiously raged, a-
 gainste Pacifer, and his Mother Eldorna, his best
 friendes and chiefe aduancers. Spido nothing fail-
 ling in all manner of subtil seruises, and abhomi-
 nable enterprizes of a fained disguised flatterer. At-
 tempted Eldorna, and Pacifer on the other side, vnder
 colourable friendly faith, pretending great good will
 towardes young Rastophel in respect of mutuall edu-
 cation: wishing and exhorting them sharply to reprove
 the vnbiziled life of Rastophel. Spido spring out such
 bitter bane, became by proceffe of time in mortall ha-
 tred one towardes an other. Rastophel winckling his
 browes, began to whette a sharpe edge vpon his sword,
 the other altogether repenting so strong and mighty
 staffe committed into a mad mans hande, fearing the
 mighty mynaces and wilfull speeches, sharply giuen
 out, should be beaten with the same weapon, whiche
 they by wrongfull violence had disceitfully wrenched
 from an other man. This Spido vnder cloke of true
 lone still feeding their stubborne natures and vnciuill
 maners, planted most waighty Canons, battered the
 strongest walles of the Dukedome, tormented with e-
 ger complaints, their senerall mindes impressed vil-
 lainous detestation, seized vpon the with inerpugnable
 violence, possessed all the partes of their bodics, putrifi-
 ed the very heart roote one towards an other: Pacifer &
 Eldorna void of all hope and p[ro]mise of courteous recla-
 ming Rastophel, refused the frequentation of his court,
 raysed an army of souldiers, attempting as well the

Spido a no-
table flatter-
er.

Vnskillfull to
use prospe-
rity, disdain
suddenly
dasheth the
downe.

Flattery and
sedition wait
one of an o-
ther.

Although
Rastophel a
usurper, yet
in that place
a lawful ru-
ler, Pacifers
enterprize,
disorder and
rebellion
came to e-
uill successe.

Ladie Egeria

The flatterer Spido counsaileth to cut them off, having no end of his mischief, considering this division could not be the overthrow of one, but a destruction of the other.

Spido plyes his wits for their dispatchance.

ransacke of his pallace, as apprehension of his person Rastophel through Spidoes cunning casts, admonished of this deuise and practise, impoynted and matched into his company and seruice, the moste courageous and valcant Captaines, and best experienced souldiers, him selfe chiefe gouernour, planted in ambush vpon the voyage. Pasifer hastening towardes him: in preuention whereof, gaue such a whotte canuillado, two thousand of Pasifers expertest souldiers came to spoile and slaughter, him selfe taken prisoner, Rastophel stated not herein, tooke the best aduantage of good successe, made also a sharp inroode vpon Eldorna his mother, claspt her by with her friende Pasifer, in harde merciles captivity: Consulting with Spido what moste expedient was in suche a case to be finished. Spido of wply wit, and subtil capacity whispered priuely in his eares, aduised to throwe them by terrible iustice to bitter smartsome execution. Other subiectes of best countenance amased and terrified hereat, should increase honoz to your person, renoune & tuition to your Duke, dome, and a ready daunting, and repressing of satwrie enterprises. Spido saith, doubt ye not, of iust matter sufficiently to charge them withal: as chiefly, your mothers filthy adulterous life. with that base varlet Pasifer, the traiterous spoyle of vniust vsurpation, launshed, wasted and consumed: hozough their naughtinesse, to present insurrection & wilfull rebellion, as actual banishment of your deare father of famous memozy Lampanus, being now in your capcase, good fortune neglected, prosperity, assingning you, a childe yong, vncerpert, yet counterpoise an eternall felicity to you and your posterity, by their dispatchance out of the way. Whereas if pluming their backs a fresh, their master feathers ouer flying the highest and strongest fortres of your dominions

to her Aduentures.

ons badonage, & subuersion shalbe your refuge & best defence for y^e same, my tender care ouer this your preservation in y^e night, tosseth my mind with fearful dreams. In y^e day time vereth my thoughts, fearing some sodē destruction approacheth your noble person, with watchful circumspection, requisitly is to be considered, that regard may evermore maintein your hono^r, defend your roialty, no which thing can successiucly be atchiued, if liberty & lines be granted to thē no dout, if humble submissions can change your countenance wil refuse no actions to win, no want of friendes. Advancing their cries, he profers to persuade, no^r alluring practises to assail you. If affections recline, o^r nature alter, o^r peeuish pity begin to gnaw o^r bite, as vnhappy messengers abiect thē, pursue your owne determination, trust to your selfe, let no licentious sweete tast deuoid your wholesome appetite: Rastophel wholly fastening his minde more vpon prodigality, ambition, vain glo^ry, private inscription, the publike profite: was ignorant vpon what soile he had leared himselfe, howe easily his feete might slide standing alone, little rememb^ring the popular emulation towards his gouernement. In renouncing & cutting short Pasifer & Eldorna his best friends, desperately throweth himselfe into vnremouable perdition, his sure proppes taken away what harde bickerings he should beate vpon, impudently ouerslipping his wits, usurpation in the dominion, could not be vnreneged. Spido more and more leading him on his behalfe in beastly lust, raunging after outward gales, scalding inward affections. On the other side distracted as a witlesse man without further searching his heedlesse head: Erected furnished and sumptuously builded a strong brassen tower very splendid, and admirable to behold, of wonderfull largenesse deapthnes and height a gibbet fastned to the top thereof.

Spido persues Rastophel to the uttermost.

Publike profite in common wealths preferred before private inscription.

Imprudence overthroweth carelesse men.

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Yong heads
easily lead,
and of them
selues not
without ad-
mirable de-
uises.

Our English
proverbe,
false harlots
falling out,
true men
come by
their goods.

the finest artificers in brasse throughout his dominions were retained to the speedy performance of this work, his purpose taking place, commaunded Pasifer, his mother Eldorna dispitefully to be brought forth as scoynes of the world, to iest vpon, casting his eyes to the top of the towre, said, you thinke time sleepeth, or that slouthfulnesse walloweth in wantonnesse with me: no no, although to my excesse charge, yet haue I settled a surer stay, to this my realm & countrie, then euer my predecessours before: I haue established a brassen towre to hang traiterous knaues and whores, I will not be adiudged partiall in my lawes and constitutions, all subiectes shall drinke alike of one cuppe, and one licour, Rastophel returneth, Pasifer and Eldorna to their safe custody, vntill at leasure his ghostly deuotion, so vertable aduowed, might be fulfilled. Spido not vnoccupied confected many sweete syzopes, and pleasaunt poisoned potions for a inward scowring of outwarde corruptions, spared no time, followed no casualties to pricke by the price of his owne aduancement, not a little reioycing, that discention pinched, gaulde, and lugged eache other by the eares: The consideration of these diuisions pearced the wisest subiectes in Hetruria, a singular shipwreck could not but be, a publike profit, if in a little moment forbearing: at length greatly gaining, these affaires in question, & realme not without most miserable plagues vniuersally layd vpon them, subiectes daily flying away, famine vexting them behind, mortal plagues subuerted whole families to dust, wretched weeping, and woful wailing, harbored in euery coste, and corner of the countrie. Spido made chiefe ruler of the roost, languished in sighes, & perplexed with sorowes, not in respect of vnhappy plight, the Duke-dome was brought vnto, but fearing so long as Pasifer and

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and Eldorna liued, his false vernishe would be espied, continual aggrauating their impiety, vntil their spirits and liues were depriued a sunder, and Rastophel left vncountenanced. For that these causes should not long hang in doubt, as also to minister iust occasions of fidelitv, which he reposed in his friende Spido. Rastophel forthwith, and speedily, powdered downe the tempestuous showres of cruel murther, the buddes of tyrannicall counsell long husked, began now to blossome out: procuring Eldorna earely in the morning to be brought forth. Having before intelligence by her keepers: the end of her dayes were at hand, put on bestures of white silke, vehemently wept, lamented her sodaine fall. Coming before Rastophel her bastard sonne very humbly prostrated her selfe, craving pity, mercy and forgiveness. Although her body, an vnchaste sinke, vomiting out the ruine of this comonwealth: yet left some sweete springes of naturall inclination, bubbling, and rising vp, besprinkled some fauour, & louing countenance to turne back from this bloudy enterpryse, taken in hand, her coloures like the faire vermilion, her cheekes brazeled, as the newe bloomed rose: All the partes of her body curiously compact, and framed of Venus her selfe. Oh sonne Rastophel (saith Eldorna) Remember, I am thy mother, thy selfe fashioned of my wombe and body, thy nature springing from the tree of my life, thy honour, estimation, and royal estate, through my care and industry attained, now repulst me with open shame, stoppest my breath, shortenest my daies: Whereas thou oughtest in remorse of obedience and dutie, vpholde my honour, safegarde my life, and prolong my yeares. Lampanus dreames in times ouerpast, nowe take place, is this the Crabbe tree, vnmearurable spreading, overshadoweth all estates and conditions of

The ornaments of nature in harlots with out vertue vnraged.

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This is the
crabbe ben-
ding downe
the nettle, of
whose ker-
nel sprang a
mighty crab
tree ouetrea-
ching all the
dominions
of Hetruria,
Lampanus
dreamed
hereof.

Eldorna con-
fessing her
owne blou-
dy life.

Nero not
more vnna-
turall.

Butcherly
instrument.

this our Countrie: mine own offences, I confesse haue
deferued destruction: but shall mine owne childe, with
shame and slaughter be the reuenger hereof: The bani-
shment of Duches Egeria & Trauenna, the confounding,
spoyling, and bereauing Tarratus Lord Marshall, his
wife, children and family, the subuersion of ten Cities,
a final finishing of many other plagues: especially, my
dispiteful infidelity towarde Duke Lampanus, the ad-
uancing of an ingratefull coluber, an impertinent
member, after complaint preuaileth not, where iust
desert before was indomaged. Rastophel not regarding
woordes: rather intimidated, and egerly stirred vp, in grea-
ter fury: by commandement was cast vpon a table,
her handes and legges with strength of men, stretched
out, straightly bound, and holden down, Rastophel
with sharpe knife, cutte Eldorna his mothers throte,
slicte her belly, imbrued his handes in her bloude, and
bowels, tearing and mangling her sweete delicate
fleshe, searched the place, which first conceaued him, by
a butcherly instrument cutte off the white lillie necke
from her shoulders, accustomed adorned with a glit-
tering chayne of pure golde, the bloud streaming and
trickeling down, as from an Ore, or Sheepe in slaugh-
ter: with the coyn salt of Arabie stuffed, sewed, and
cloaked vpper her belly, fastening her shoulders with
chaynes of Iron, in the toppe of the brasse tower han-
ged her vpon a gibbet. Here deare friend Pasifer, sato-
red in the same pickle, his mouth with the whot bur-
ning pepper. Stuffed, hanged vpon the same gybbet a-
line, a view of iust vengeance, for al ingratefull, flatter-
ring, adulterous traytours to behold. This bloody ac-
tion finished, Rastophel spake to the people reproche-
full woordes against Pasifer and Eldorna his mother,
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ling her whoore, the deuouring Queene of Hetruria, and Pasifer his deare friend, and first founder, the dishonour of his Father Lampanus, the bloud-sucker of his dominions, as of long time saith Rastophel, with sucking innocent bloude, haue ingored their matres. So now let them mutually march forwardes to the high heauens, before the Goddess spue and spitte out the garbages, which with open murder and miserable slaughter they haue long lead on. By art of coniuration forthwith protruded a wicked Spirite, called Focalor, a worthy Duke, with thirtie legions to keepe the aforesaide brazen Tower. Least if any kindred, or speciall friends vouchsafing to take downe these martyred carcases with secrete funerall solempnise them. But some attempting to put in practise, the which before was coniectured, forthwith tozne in peeces by these maligne furious spirites. Nowe the vitall sences of Spido hauing a newe heart of ioyes, refreshing all the severall sences: well quaffing on this bloody cuppe, his thirst neyther staunched, nor his flattering false fetchches without further shiftes, stayed. Kometh on still reaching Rastophel ouer the shoulders, with a crooked measure, like a caterpillar poulling; pilling the gouernement, and common wealth; least no ingen of dissimulation vnsearched, if profite any waye might thereby arise.

This Rastophel although ouercome, and swallowed vpp in Spidoes disceites, and cauilling counsailes: yet not carelesse, or without consideration for fortifying the hauens, and principal portes, belonging to his teigniozs & dominions, the most warlike soldiers thzough much trouble and veration in the Royal estate

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least Rastophel as one worthy of principality to himselfe: besides that the Realme vnpeopled, naked, bereaft from necessary commodities, yet for defence against foraine and sinister attempts in many and sundry opinions, rested vpon this one point: that whereas having in the science of necromancy singular skill, and practise, the whole monarchy of maling spirites at his becke and commaundement, committed the precinctes, portes and confines of Hetruria in all partes to be planted vnder the regiment of these spirites against foraine enemies whatsoeuer. And as touching, ciuil inuasion, wholly ordered by sharpe dinte of sword. I think it nothing vnecessary in this history, to set downe the chiefe Emperial rule of these spirites, with al their hoste and armie, force and might, in this great action.

What partes, senerally euery King with their Legions gouerned. The East partes of Hetruria, King Baal with threescore legions, his Princes, Dukes, Carles, rulers, and potentates, betooke himselfe into which iurisdiction. King Person, otherwise called Cursan, with twenty and two legions, his Princes, Dukes, Carles, rulers, & potentates their seneral legions attending the West partes of the kingdome of Barbaria. King Byleth otherwaies called Cerberus, hauing nineteene legions, his Princes, Dukes, Carles, rulers, & potentates, their seneral legions defending the South partes, bounding vpon the kingdome of Egypt. King Synoday otherwise called Asmoday, hauing 70. legions with Princes, Dukes, Carles, rulers, & potentates their seneral Legions muniting the South partes towards the Helkhians. Rastophel pitching in league with these companions esteemed himselfe of no smal valure, comparable to incounter with any one King then liuing, without god gouernment, or guidance, insolently, vanting with scorneful

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scornful countenance abiection al people, his worthy friend Spido excepted. Yet fortune to his nose mocked and scorned him: in the ende, approved his manners without vertue, gouernement without wit, practize without policie. So that this ioly fellow and big man, a silly woodcock, freshly painted out in Eagles feathers, easely caught in the fowlers snare, coulde not long indure, hunting after fame and security. altogether deceived in his owne imaginations. For that same with swift winges flew into sovraine regions. Spido a messenger of mischief, continually betrayed domestical and priuate intentions. On the other side, securitie utterly disliked to serue so tyrannical and troublesome usurper, vnrespectiuelly left to him selfe, perswaded sovraine Princes to make no treaty of peace: trusting so much to his new garryson at home, utterly deceived and prevented in his affaires abroad. Duches Egeria being by wrongfull banishment in Barbaria, vnderstood the estate of Hettruria by her country men, flying thither for suppotation, succoured thow her gracious goodnes, increased in honour and riches, naturally wishing welfare and protection vnto them. Also Pantiper her sonne with golden thumbe, dearely esteemed of the Barbarian king, hauing no issue to vnite and knit the inheritable succession, was the hope of his country, the rather for that from his infancy naturally brought vp, wel feathered and swiftly whinged on both sides. Yet his deare Mother, good Duches Egeria disliked Pantipers indiscreet conditions, rainging in vaine brauery, trifling with franticke youth, made choyce his aduventure shoulde be for his owne right in Hettruria, then at randoms hazarde him in many imminent ieopardies in the middest of a sauage people, after the death of the Barbarian king. This vertuous Duches Egeria espy-

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ing in Pantiper, Lampanus natural inclinations, weakly perswaded of his wel doing, esteemed he should conquer by his departing, both gaine and glory to his family for euer, his continuance might euert the renowne of his mother to shame, be frustrate in the end fro al good expectations. And surely, Pantiper had much incurd displeasure, offended graue modesty, discountenaunced the honorable maiesty of this good Duches. Chauncing on a time, Egeria with this her sonn, for the ouerpasing of diuers troublesome cogitations, bering her senses, walked togeather in the priuie Garden of the Barbarian king, without wrinkle or blemish of any misthought, chearefully simpled, merely iested with Pantipar, according to the honest course of motherly nature. But Pantiper on the contrary so conquered, and as it were, quite drowned in his mothers beauty, ouercom with her good ornaments of nature, exchaunged chast-continency to open rebuke, the tip of hope, to ignominious dispayre, as one iniurious to the maiesty of honourable matronage, first desired, then wastled, yea struggled to obtaine carnal copulation with his good mother Egeria: when neither mischienous alurementes, pestilent perswasions, nor sharpe threathninges coulde bend to extort, without violent oppression, hurling hither and thither, threw her flat vpon the ground, rouling a sharpe knife in her golden lockes, fastened her head to the ground, deflowered & grasped by the wholesome herbs of vertue, growing in the choyce garden of glad some renown. Against this savage sauncy interprize, ouer spread the darke shadowing clondes thereof, with the bright shynning sunne beames of vnblemished life: besprent her face with dery drops of dolourous teares, long time and many dayes sorrowed this detestable deed of Pantiper her sonne. Crying out betweene them selues secreatly: saying, Oh sonne,

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not escape
terrible re-
uengement.

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I wish my wombe, had beene fruitlesse and barraine, when so crooked a sprig first sprang out, the seed perished, when roote sapped to so unnatural a walke, these dayes of tribulation, in which our patience and untouched vertues are approued, now stayned thorow thy corruption like a filthie cloath. The Gods know my constaunt chastitie transmitted me into this sozraine soyle. I toynd with thy Father Duke Lampanus, in honourable espousal estate, layed adulterous actions with Lorde Trauenna most vniustly to my charge, cruelly with out remorse, persued the ende of my life. But as my body vnknowne to all men besides Lampanus himselfe: so dishonestly neuer shal confiscat my honour, nor deminish my bow. The Ravens of the ayre deuoured flattering Andromus my wrongful accuser. So riotous lust bereaft & quite stript, thy father from his Patrimony and rightfull inheritance. The Harlot Eldorna a plotforme of all our miseries, appaled, disfauoured the cheerefull countenaunces of the Hetrurian subiectes, now brought to destruction with Pasifer her filthie Louer: the Tragicall execution of her defiled wretched life, finished by the handes of her Bastarde sonne Rastophell, as fearefull shewes for the wonder of the worlde, her selfe nursing him by in al villaynous usurpation, scourged with her owne rodde, her throate cut with her owne knife: But my innocencie hath witnessed from the firste day of my affliction, vntill this present, the concord of my conscience. There was neuer man although his beautye, comeliness, and strength farre surpassed Lampanus coulde submit me: No false sound coulde delight my eares, chafe to retier my chaste course bowed to Lampanus, neuer shall any nette snare me whilst we are both liuing. My sonne, I weepe this thy wickednesse, neither place

Egeriaes
mourning
speech to
Pantipet.

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no: time wil I take to revenge: neither giue the world to vnderstand this vngratious deepe in thee, a sonne of so inordinate desire: vnruely loue lurking in heart with his owne Mother: or that a mother guiding her selfe so carelesse, yeeld oportunitie to so reprobous a sonne. In the middelt of these anguishes and miserable plight: bowed the same day, in which this deed was done, and committed, as a penitentiary sinner to solemne and reuerent fast, as dutifully obserued to the ende of her life. Moreouer Egeria like a good mother, perceiuing a dangerous disposition in Pantiper her sonne, mistrusted the worst, sought fauorable good wil of the Barbarian king for his returne into Hetruria, in attayning and possessing him selfe into the rightful inheritance of his own dominions, & also for the dispossessing and extirpation of that miscreant Bastarde Rastophell, as wel for approue of some honourable and victorious exploitte, as a stay and prop by his returning home to his poore exiled country men: But chiefly she feared surffeting youth and vntoward extrauagation, made choyce rather of his present departing into his owne native country, then continue there a foraine soyle, with shame, dishonour, and repulse in time to come. Egeria euery day visited the kinges court in fauourable petition, for the aduancement of Pantiper into his owne country, for assistance of warlike souldiers. The Barbarian king aunswearing, loath I am that Pantiper should relinquish my kingdome and dominions, being the staffe of my olde age, after my death the hope and expectation of my subiects, who beeing left without issue, maye come to vniuersal spoyle: Although Pantiper not borne naturally among them, yet issuing of royal blood, the sonne of a maiestical Prince, rather wil recline to his obedience. No, no (sayth Duches Egeria) Pantiper a stranger

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Stranger, no good cause offered, why foraine subiectes, should hee either bee burthened, or mooued to disdain, esteeming hereafter your intent rather an iniury then friendship. With humble expostulation if permission may be graunted for his departure, frequenting his owne Prouinces with same, no lesse then to your person honourable renowne, hauing brought him vp to such abilitie, prowesse, and warlike perfection, is to confesse homage and fealty to your kingdome whilst he liueth. The Barbarian king possesse with a mild spirit, prest, and ready in al points to serue Egeriaes expectation, presently mustred a great multitude, as wel of Babarians, as exiled Hettrurians on their behalfe, very benterously offered their seruice, towarde the accomplishment of this exploit. Egeria hauing gathered great Masses of Gold and silver, thow her learned skil and practise in Physicke and chyrurgery, stufed her Sonne Pantiper with such aboundaunce, nothing wanted, either to his aduenture or contentment. Euery chiefe pettie Captaine and common souldiers, hauing befoze any enterprize taken in hand, their seneral payes, and ships fraughted with al maner of furniture, as wel victuals, as warlike weapons. In the middelt of this great provision, certaine secreat letters conuayed out of Hettruria from Spido the flatterer, Rastophels chiefe counsellour: the effect thereof as followeth.

Although ability hitherto serued not, in defence of Spidoes letters of estimation, or yet oportunitie could make declaration of vnfaigned good wil & duty (noble Duches Egeria) so my true loue & assured seruice for worldly gaines neuer shal be vnstayed, especially this enterprize of Lord Pantiper pretended, percing our domestical eares, iustly approueth, so that foraine friendship may regard good liking, & proffered seruice aspire safe conduct in y^e midst

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of your counsels, setting my self as a ladder, by which he creditefully may clime his rightful inheritance, wil both content & place my self to his aduancement, satisfie y^e iust tribute of my life in y^e same, as for cruel & pitifull death shal assuredly discourse my purpose. so no preferment on y^e contrary shal more greatly bantage, as in defacing, enervating & dispoiling this false usurper Rastophel y^e bastard. My own conscience checketh, torment of mind every howler of the day calleth on me, vntil occasion may offer favourable grace in the sight of fortunable successe, in wearying, tracing, & destroying this greedy devouring wolf, brought t^o among y^e poore shep of Hetruria. Erspet therfore certainly what instructions in his secrett affayres may be giuen, wil imploy my self agreeable to your seruice, crauing no greater benefits in remuneration thereof, then my own contentatiō in this world to serue you.

After Egeria, Pantiper & their counsel diligently perused these spiced speeches, smelling a painted parasite, dissembled their thoughts: experienced, y^e sugred words every warm sun wold easily melt: purposed to vse him without trusting: countenancing him without fantasizing, preventing his power, vnabled: by wisdoms forecast, to indamage their intent. Furthermore in explemet of these warlick busines, appeasing the mighty raging garrison of maling spirits, attending y^e borders of Hetruria wanted prouision of skilful Picromancers. But preparation made out fro many other cuntries of the best & expertest charmers, magike masters & coniurers, at Egeriaes only cost & charges, a hundred smal ships forthwith furnished for their dispersion. Besides al which, nature adozning, Pantiper with a golden thumb, y^e inspiration wherof consisted y^e vertue of deuine grace, in derogation & expulsion of vnclean spirits, raising & filling the said golden thumb finely from the flesh, by the seperation of a ioynt. To the most artificial coniurer, consecrated the vse & power ther
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of:premeditatiō aduising þ̄ surest way to lean vpon, was reputed both expedient, as also a safe shelter to the fighting souldiers & the coniurers ships to take þ̄ fore front, interchasing al aduerse preposturations. hoised vp sail, a gale of mery wind safely deliuered thē, into the coastes of Hetruria. These coniurers unbarked & set on shoare by insigned power of þ̄ golden thumb, cited þ̄ whol monarchy of these abiured spirits to their appearance, with such eger violent might, hurling on heaps, the elemental influences extracted out of due frame. The rozing seas by intollerable strength, yelling & soming forth their mourning cries, the navigation subuerted & drownd. The ship with the golden thumb onely safe protected. Pantiper with inuincible courage presently aduanced himself vpo the Hetrurian coastes. Rastophel amazed at the shew & sight thereof, with timerous troubled mind considered his precipitatiō at hād, especially his monarchal power befoze conquered, now bereaft frō al ioyful hope: yet hauing assembled a thin army of hunger starued Hetruria souldiers, nothing auailable for his defence, yet respected defiance against his enemies, cōmitted the said army to Spido the onely strength & chief gouernoꝝ of the Hetrurian dominions, who returned himselfe, his captaines & souldiers to Pantipers seruiſe, exacting forthwith an oth of homage & fealty vpon them. This don Rastophel as a naked man, apprehended within þ̄ holy castle, in a deep den secretly conuaid him self. Pantiper without any further disturbāce, quietly entred the kingdom, first giueth in straight charge & commandement the golden thumb to be caried abroad, sanctifying, seasoning, hallowing and making wholsome as well the brazen Tower, as the coastes of the Hetrurian dominions from al maling spirits by the power thereof. Pantipers commaundement in this case fulfilled, procured Rastophels mouth to be stuffed and closed vp with the coꝛny Salt of Arabia,

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hanged him a liue in chaines of yron, by Pasifer and Eldorna, vpon the top of the brassen Tower. Pantiper took possession of his dominion, placed the banished Hetrurians, to very honourable dignities, aduanced the Barbarian souldiers. But Spido playeth his pageant. Notwithstanding Rastophels wide exclamations against him, for false coloured treasons at the howe of his death handleth Pantipers inclinations, seadeth his baine, feriteth his fauour, is magnified chiefe of the realm, next Pantipers owne person, perswadeth Pantiper to guide his subiects by wholsom ordinaunces, and reclaime the borders and confines of his regiment, by marshal pzoins, Pantiper ratifying Spido the most sapient subiect he had, reioycing not so much at the doubtfull recovery of his patrimony, by late victoꝝ: as in that hauing matched with so discret a friend. Altogether forgetting Spidoes traiterous ingratitude towarde his first patron & founder Rastophel, could at his owne wil exchange glistering gold to drossy refuse, sprung vp of no pꝛecious or royal nature, but of wofullly blood & currish kind, euermore digging into the vnfortunat dungels like the vnderminning dron. Oh, gentle blood wil neuer pamper his sul saciate pꝛay, & swyth with reuert to þ puddle of carels wil and canckred disposson, naturally neglecting woꝛthy estate and calling: for which cause mighty monarches of the woꝛld, handling deeds of armes, and trauel of common wealths, yoked the selues, not with lothsom louts, but franck minded captaines, not crauens kind, but venturous knights: not flatterers, but true friendes, not dissembling vpstarts, but auncient dissenters, such whose family and lineal, petegrew, many hundred years before flourished. If Pantiper had set before his eyes these appꝛoued policies, neither the spirits of youth, could haue seduced him, nor the fresh shewes of falkhood dazeled his eyes.

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eyes. And except Spido had inuested a silly sheepees
fleese on his backe, his Woluish condicions had not
long bene vndiscovered. Pantiper concealing him selfe,
the dominions of Hetruria, without further chalenge
fast tied to his enterprize, so beleenuing Spidoes dexte-
rity with shadowed hope, ouerthelwe himselfe. In this
interbreathing time, Hetruria became well impeopled,
the Realme multiplied in golde and siluer, all good
thinges, though Egeriaes natural provision abounded,
noble families, with price of honourable possessions a-
dozned. Lordes, Knights, Esquiers, gentlemen were
in semblable degree endowed, the yeomanry, husband-
ry, and artificers well placed for traffique from for-
reigne regions, great bent, tillage, and breede of cattel
increased, learning, and liberall artes mainteined,
marshall prowesse exercised. All thinges in most decent
course rightly placed, if trustlesse Spido, on whose shoul-
ders the greatest foundation of the common wealth de-
pended: were cut off, being a loathsome relishe in the
mouthes of all true subiectes: yet neither priuate nor
publike subiects, except in danger of death, might fore-
warne him in continual drinkeing this deadly poison,
would surfet Pantiper and his dominions to confusion.
Whereouer these affaires not so priuately handled at
home, without, without special knowledge and vnder-
standing to Duke Lampanus abroad, who with sharp
determination desired his returne home againe: as well
because Hetruria would naturally comfort his old age,
as especially reaching after the preferment of Lorde
Nearich Duke Bendals sonne, ioining in nuptial estate
to faire Selewsa with golden foote. Although accounted
the renewing of his right, a difficult danger, yet Duke
Bendal, by wisdomes discretion deliberatly conside-
red, what best might be aduentured in this busines.

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first by famous promulgation published throughout the land of Hetruria. That Lampanus by such good and convenient order (as best might minister successe to his enterprise) was to reclaim the inheritable right of his dominions, now withdrawn by disceitful intrusion & unjust vsurpation of his owne sonne Pantiper, both to be displeasing, if pliant wil, fauourably, might entertain reasonable requestes, vaine sound of renowned glory may in proceeding by tiranicall conquest against them aduance his courage, if presumptuous prouocations produceth not subiectes mindes, headlong to fall in popular mischiefe. Lampanus intention herein bruted thoroughout al Hetruria to y same effect. But Pantiper harried with security, carelesse of these thunderbolts: recounted his stool vnremouable: Scoined, & mocked his fathers challenge, as dotish deuises exasperate subiects, to treacherous disobedience: and surely the vanity of subiectes is to be noted in this one point, in many common wealths. Desirous of changes, vncontent with their calling, or aspiring after the commodities of others. The poore disdainng the condition of the rich, the wealthy oppressing the estate of the needy, murmuring against the felicity of magistrates, contēning straitnes of laws, throwing open the gap of liberty, the same manner folowed the Hetrurians, the world runneth at randens among them, every man distracted with priuate opinions, outraging with pestilent presumptions turmoiling their wits in disloyal practises, some fauouring domestical solitarines, some bathing them selues in the bloud of ciuill sedition, some estraunging them selues in nouelties, hoist downe in a moment the surest step of their highest degree, some others a thousande times in one day, leaft to their owne disposition, without guide, tolle the rolling wheele of fickle fortune. The felicity

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licity of Hetruria quite abandoned from mutuall loue, selfe will declined, their inward cogitations from the right rule of reason, if loial truth had rested in the Hetrurians hearts. Pantipers estate had ben vnshaken, no gate for Lampanus entrance could haue bene opened, good cause approuing the same: for that like a carelesse crauen, afojetime neglected the good and wholesome government, leauing the dominion to the mouthes of rauening wolues, Pasifer, Eldorna, & Rastophel: his right esteemed of lesse value, his person worthy dishonor: besides, all which reiecting princely estimation to so poore a plight, tossed with stormes of aduerse infelicity, most vnseemely for a Duke, bearing a base minde, caste his eyes aside from the high mysticall might of a renowned potentate, to the vile lothsome life of a miserable begger of long continuance, beholding base & inferiour causes.

Duke Bendal whose experience, as well for publique causes of the comon wealth, as graue prudence in warlike furniture not lacked, spent a whole age in glorious renoume thereof, ne to moulded, and artificially polished, Lampanus in al enterprizes to become moze established. In open businesse circumspect, in secrete insight close, watchful and deliberatiue. Discretion set at liberty, vsed to his friendes plaine and succinct speech to his enemies, a solempne sovraine countenaunce, vnable to appoche his secrete thoughtes by a thousand driftes: as out of a hollowe deapth, vsing the occasion of speeche a farre of. And as one befoze, lead out of the sncke of slavery, fearing to fal againe in like daunger charily marketh his foote steptes: limiteth every action: Lampanus mouth befoze gauled ever after feareth the hooke. With the serpent's teeth in times past wounded: once cured, casteth his eyes haedefully alwaies vpon the scarre: As a silly birde, inforced through
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raging stormes to vnder shadowe the græne branches,
amased, vnable to disshelter her selfe. Surely, surely,
Lampanus lessoned that misery was the end of lechery:
that flattery couereth friendly falsehoode: negligent as-
siance vndermineth princely pallaces: All the sweete
flowing foudes of nature, with free access, resorted
the top of wisdomes inclination. And the rather Duke
Bendal the cheareful starre rightly guiding the wan-
ding ship, consulted the best opportunity for recovery
of the Hettrurians dominion, of themselves able to finish
something, but without the king of Egypts might, po-
wer, & furniture to perfect, and accomplish nothing: so
that with daily competition, viewed the king of E-
gypts person for ayde of souldiers in this their pretence:
who as wel waying Duke Lampanus long afflictions,
as suppressing of domestical treasons, an insolent ex-
ample of false subiectes to all vniuersal princes apper-
taining. Peeled the second part of all able men in ser-
uice of this exploit, so also no treasures for souldiers pay,
no warlike weapons, or armour, no shippes, no freight
wanted. Six thousand charrets, eight thousand camels,
forty thousand valiant fighting souldiers, besides diuers
princes and noble Captaines, fauouring this busines.
The Egyptian king, by Duke Bendals inducement on
their behalfe, supplied in all thinges their necessity.
This busse bustling in Egypt, pearced Spidoes itching
cares in Hettruria, abashed, mistrusting his estate wold
be stirred, double dealinges, and two faces espied, be-
thought rather with safety to caste anker, then dashed
and ouerturned sodenly in peeces, vpon some craggy
rocke: paused with aduilement whether treacheries to-
wardes Pantiper, might better protect and defend him
by relinquishing the Hettrurian soile: then aduenture
his prillinate estate, in losse both of life, landes, honours,
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and discontinuance. At his guilefull conuiances be-
fore time, hereby betrayed. Spido casting in his head,
during Lampanus life, Pantiper disobediently delay-
ned the dominion. As one right expert, and subtil per-
ceaued, the young vnguided discretion of Pantiper: the
old beaten prooue of Lampanus (although brauening his
face in the fauour of Pantiper) yet his inwarde imagi-
nation lingered in the Egyptian attempts: what con-
ueniently was herein to be commenced, laboured the
bittermost of his wittes: Pantiper smitten with flatter-
ry, trusted, and well liked Spido in all informations,
committed to him aboue all earthly creatures the ho-
nour of his dominion, neglected all perilles imminent
insuing. And otherwayes Pantiper might haue backed
& quight deliuered himselfe fro all daunger, assertay-
ned his rule, and authority, with more surer counsel-
lours: not allured nor mislead by disfigured counte-
nance of a dissembler. Surely the young yeares of Pan-
tiper ouermache occupied in pestilent pleasures, his
wittes ranished, and manners dispoiled thorough the
naughtinesse of this stinging venemous snake Spido,
with foule and greedy appetite weltring in treache-
rous oppression rent in peeces the seamles, and skirtes
of Hetruria: writeth priuy letters to Duke Lampanus
in Egypt, as followeth.

Spidoes letters to Duke Lampanus

in Egypt.



Nothing may intice (most soueraigne and
puissant Duke) or depriue my natural loy-
alty assigned to your good liking, neither
in performing your commaundement,

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mitte any seruice imputable to the duety of a subiect,
or expedient in the maiesty of a Prince, beeing in my
cradle, when you first left your heritable right of these
our dominions, so altogether vnacquainted with your
 stature, visage and conditions: but your princely dis-
position, by common report considered without further
respice, do prefixe all my secreete counsailes and con-
stant faith in perpetual loue towarde you, for prooue
of my attention in my private regarde, and due desert
of your person. Doe assemble all the powers of nature:
what ordinance may chiefest preuaile in consolidation
of all your inflicted wounds, yea in searching the dee-
pest secretes inwardly festering, will apply some ver-
tuous odure for your outward recovery, I find nothing
more healthful & sound, then returning to your Hetru-
rian possessions againe: I loue Pantiper, if he reuerence
Lampanus. I wish his good successe, if he do homage in
the office of a Sonne to his Father, in these disfauou-
red deformities suspected culpable of the extraction of
due destruction from the Gods, is to weake iust ven-
geance vpon him: as it sufficeth mee thorough my
best aduiscment to drawe you: so beeing a publique
prince, auaileth by your expert counsaile to finish the
same iniurious, to your self, should be appointed to wil-
full banishment, and private solitarines: I will first
measure what is profitable for Pantiper, counselling
him to submission, shewing what execrable venge-
ance is portended to them which drawe the sword
of tyranye againste their owne Father, admonish-
ing him to conversion, least wilfull conceite swift-
ly blowe by pestilent perdition vpon him, if my in-
structions in these reasonable requestes scorned and dis-
dained, he shall be left as one subuerted to his owne de-
sire, and appetite: I may not both defend and warne
him

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him, am without malicious misdeeming of the world,
thereupon to favour and reverence your worthy pro-
tection. Fare you well.

These letters transported as sweete flowres & plea-
sant fruites with promised requitall, refreshed Lamp-
anus smelling, chaunged all dispaire to perfect assurance
of conuaying him selfe already in repossession the He-
trurian dominion, especially for that Spido on whose
backe the common wealth hanged, so frankly profered
himselfe, this newe alliance arrested all Pantipers de-
terminations, now marked the strange sytuation of
the cause, & mutability of the man, but Lampanus fed
this fire with continual flame, indeuouring to mini-
ster opportunity to his owne purpose, to recover his dig-
nities purchased best opportunity, bailed Spidoes spite
full trechery, vnder the bush of sugred wordes leuied
his measure to increase and nourish his humours, and
serue his expectation, least his affections should alter,
or by sinister interchange surprisid, did moderate and
dispencc his priuie traiterous onset, with letters as
followeth.

Lampanus answere to Spidoes
Letters.



Neuer dispaired the Gods so discon-
tent in ouerturning my careful reconcili-
ation to my countrie, hitherto leaning
vppon my shoulders, providently haue
strengthened & gouerned al my attēpts,
so alwayes haue I errogitated what
chiefest in my waightiest affaires was to be cared for,

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affinett their due veneration, as my owne vertuous
guidance, if in times past wandring as a banished man
in many forreine soiles, thorough diuerse prouinces,
without appointed place, of any certaine abode: yet at
this present, sustained supported, & furnished in al things
appertaining to the conuoying of a noble prince from
his banishment: hoping the full perfection of my felici-
ty. though your triefedome in my behalfe is considered
of your free offer I do accept, and for all enterprise will
not in any respect put backe, closing your amity, and
blasing your chiuallry in the highest degree among the
best of my friends. Whittill my soule be deuorced
from my body, will neuer shew obdurate so excellent a
subject, putting off all feminine affection heretofore
leaving aside those haire delights, haunting prin-
ces houses: now hereafter new harnessing my selfe in
this worthy exploit with manly stomache, and stout
courage to worke wonderfull effectes, will accom-
plish my vttermost. Whoe not I durst cause to render im-
mortal glory to the mighty Gods, that in the mid-
dest of my misery, hath appointed me a mortal to haue assigned
so worthy & prudent a friend, as noble Spido to assen-
ble his counsels, in the face of the Egyptian princes, yea
& that the last of our personal maiesties finish the
course of these attempts and hazardes taken in hand:
euery day heretofore haue washed my face with teares
for the tragical ruine of my countrie, although in such
perplexity vnable to performe that good which I inten-
ded in my heart towards the same. Oh the light
sunne beames of my honour, first pearced, rent in
peeces, & darkened by falshood and dishonestie despite
of Echora that filthy harlot, then misled with collusi-
on and cunning craft, by attributing ouermuche fide-
lity to Pasifer, dismayed al my spirits, bynded the whol
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region of my senses, the dominion and power subiectes, indaungered, crushed, and broken with sorowes, sharply plunged in careful calamities: now my owne sonne Pantiper entring at the posterne doore, contrary to the dutiful obedience of a sonne, usurpeth my crowne and dignitie, holdeth by the sword of partial defence against me: The Gods have in safe custody preserved both my life and honour, in their infallible insight, have ordained you (most valiant Spido) to suborne and finish my heavy depression, aduance to remedy, and cozen, a traiterous trespass of a malignant accursed Sonne. This I ende, assuring my pitiful self, that amount and scale the top of my distress, treade downe, disgrace, and quench, the seething flames of my some enemies, assembled in publick mischief, the father by your proffered adventure, to the same, daily expecting your worthy person with speedy expedition to our presence, wishing you as my selfe: I bid you far, worthely to regard your continuall felicitie.

Lampinus regarded the merit of such Personages in them selves, prodigal and clyming, prone and ready, to trafficke princely dignities, for vile rewarde and flattery dung, from disloyaltie. Was absolved and from vniuersal expiation acquitted, settled his iudgement in the gayne of such a flatterer: intertayned and placed him in the rancke of false friends, vsing him as the shadow and image of a dead man, without trusting the valour of waighty affaires in his hands. Now in the meane season Pantiper vnderstood Spidoes pestiferous treasons, who throwing into forgetfulnesse vertuous and grateful obedience, the first ornaments, and glittering qualities of honest subiection. Pantiper presently provided a powder, to cure this maladie, fearing dangerous losse of honoꝝ with careful consideration, begone to aduise him

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him selfe contriued an extraordinary seruice of souldiours to be sent forth, for Spidoes apprehension. Which newes by Spido firste vnderstode, without breath or pausing, hastily amounted Duke Bendals Court in Egypt, where in disclosing the Hetrurian attemptes, was recompenced and rewarded with sumptuous intertainment. Pantiper now feeling the foundation of his Dominion shake, by absence of his best staye Spido, who befoze time appeared firme and inuolable, now villanous and disceitfull. Confessed his false coloures and disceitfull inchauntment, blearing his eyes: whose infidelity now felt and searched to the bottome, coulde not be lightened to the same: by warning of any good friend. A wo:ld it is, to beholde his estate and reputation discountenaunced, of all good hope depzyued, without solace, least to vncertainetie, languishing in sighes and sorowes, resting in miseries, wrapt in diuers deuises, at length reuiued his dead senses, beganne to nessel him selfe vnder his Spother Egeriaes whinge, wyrteth to her of this sodaine darknesse, happened within the Hetrurian Dominion, by the fugitiue starting a side of Spido his chiefe Counsellour: not onely hauing stayned the true office of a subiect, but imbelished the safegard of his regiment, disclosed the priuitties of his counsel.



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Pantipers letters to his mother Ege-

ria, complayning vpon the trea-
cherie of Spido, as fol-
loweth.



Recon nothing more hurtful in this
life beyonde measure, then the centre
of a modest puccles cogitations, with
flattering protestation to bee over-
throtone: neither can mortal men be
discharged from the prison of blind o-
pinion, once vanquished with the
freshe affection and beautifull alurement of a flatterer,
matching him selfe with such miserie, at no time or sea-
son can be Lorde and master of his owne secretes. I
haue secne and knowne, and now at length found the
force of a flatterer, constrayneth great impossibilitie
to pernicious alterations and sodaine exchanges, vn-
looked for, the sigh with demure countenauce, but co-
uert naughtinesse is hoarded secretly in their heartes:
their treasons flie swiftly, spreade sedicion at large,
and quickly is taken hold of: the false colours of Spido
hath beared mine eyes, hath sucked the Hetrurian hony,
and now spitteth out the Egyptian popson: hath drawne
out a venommed sworde to hacke a sunder my rule and
gouernment, was wont to visit me with his counsaile,
now baneth me with deadly destruction. Oh (my dear
mother Egeria) as you did conduct me hither by safe
ship vpon the calme seas, the weather being both
sayre and bright, so leaue me not now in a weake fi-
shers bote, wauering and tottering, hither and thither
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With boysterous windees of Egypt, to be ouerturned. I am as one roulled and wzapped by sundry extremities, sold into the hands of enemyes: either to yeeld with repulse and shame, or els as one vnskilful of warlike feats, haue the gristle of my young vnerperienced age flat bruised and broken in peeces. Wherefore sweete mother, ayde me with your strong hand, that these dangers procured for me may be escaped: plucke me out of their handes, that for my iniquitie towards you, with iust correction I be not stricken. Oh deare mother, rule me with your reason, with your honourable consideration counsel me. These dangers ouer passed, I wil hereafter learne to aduise al my actions with such discretion, as neuer after to be incombred with the treasons of a flatterer, whose villanies I wil disdain, as the stinking corrupt filthy scabs of a harlot: Deare mother, speedely aunswere my distressed desire. The veneration of the Gods blesse and sanctifie you, with honorable and long life. Fare you wel.

Duches Egeria beholding Pantipers letters, the bitterness wherof moued her to tenderneesse and feares. But she perfectly instructed in wisdomes precepts, that to strue against her husband, although he were a wicked man, not ignorant how difficult a thing it is, to pluck out the thorne which he first thrust in. Yet nature inforcing Egeria to poure out some sage sentences before Pantper, against the vnaccustomed assaults, & rigorous rages of Fortune: partly already perswaded, he was an immolation of reuenge to the bloody handes of fearefull Mars: But the mistery of her minde reserued therein, to the benefit or euil hope of successe.

Duches

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Duches Egeriaes letters of consola-
tion to her sonne Pantiper.



Is well remembred (my honourable sonne) that flatterers toying and vnderminding many dominions, especially Hetruria: are timber worms which lurk in the secreat cels of princes consciences, counterfeit the complexions of all Creatures, nourishing their empty euacuations with Noble blood, garbaging their benemous baines with priuities of honourable houses: why did you not behold and turne ouer the olde Chyonicles of Hetruria: the fal of Princes: the vnruly rable of flattering startups, which once furnished with pryde of prosperity and weal'h, insolently lay blockes in open passage of noble estimation, or dayned and stirred vp as instruments of impietie to wreake the iustice of the mighty Gods. If kingly felicitie enuied not that which aduersitie iustly sealeth and grievously groneth in: The happinesse of the one, presenteth the miseries of the other. The Lacedemonian kings, although preserved in wals of yron, in towers and Castles of byasse (yet false flatterers paynting their faces with filthy colours of traiterous insinuation) couetously hunting after promotions, practize to be-noume the secreat closets of Kings chambers, alter and subuert princely glozy to miserable infamy. Necessary is it therefore, Princes respecting their owne counsels, muse and being their owne priuities, cast their eyes vpon the conditions of al men, yet scarcely trust, aduenture, and admit any priuate person to publicke causes, except the Prince and vniuersal counsaill, ioyntly con-

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sult within the bowels thereof. The Gretian princes continually were coated in Charets and close Litters of Gold, garded with great armies and hostes of puissant souldiers, yet thorow permission of false flatterers, to dayly assemblies deuerted to sodaine confusion. The condition of Romaine Emperours, their exploits, honourable deedes of armes, surprizing and ouerreaching by fame and glory, their vniuersal age in which they liued - yet in middest of their Councels, Senates, conuocations, and tribunall Pleas, dispoyled of their lines, yea the worthinesse which many yeares before was thorow noblenesse atchieued, in one Breuiarye brought to nothing. I say (my deare and honourable sonne) take beiew of our Hetrurian gouernement, in semblable maner what chaunceth, especially in the aduancement of flatterers. But (Oh my sonne Pantiper) regard the soze fathers of Barbarian Princes, retayned in counsel to the seruice of publike causes in the common wealth, sonnes of most auncient families, bozne to honourable reuenewes of natural gyftes, wise, vertuous and ciuil guidaunce. If of base byrth any were into princes fauours preheminented, firste tryed before they were trusted, deserued, then honoured, wel approued, then credited. The Princes of Siracusa, feared flatterers from their Courts by penal punishment, they were accounted the household of Hell, accepted the messengers of some maling spirite, the trifles of infidelity, the rotten staves of maiestical gouernment, where any such harboured, disdaine followed them, not onely of sozraine Princes, but euen of priuate subiectes. My honourable sonne: I saye, if either learning, wisdom, soze cast, or experience had in any or euery poynt warned you, neither had you persued your owne will, nor left to the race of your retyze. If absolute power
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and regarde had beene bended to your priuate affections, sweet flattery had not caught you, nor subtle collusion disceaued you, or matching your selfe with inseperable, playne, simple, and vertuous antiquitie, no such violence had ouer taken you. Lampanus my husband your father, equall to vs both, may not be vndermined of me, nor yet resisted of you. I may wel counsel, but not defend you: since my aduentures be perpetual, and pleasures of Hetruria short. I can not minister any helpe or comfortes to your sorrowful afflictions, especially against my owne husband your father. As I doe admonishe you to submission, humblenesse and reuerence to his person: so I charge you repell the bitter onsets of stubberne will. For although he hath heaped manyfolde miseries vpon my backe, yet with all honour to his person doe I discharge my selfe. Fare you honourable and deare sonne in singuler vertue.

Your sorrowfull mother Egeria.

Dewches Egeria, although fauouring

Pantiper her sonne, yet would not daunte
the cause of her husbände
Lampanus.



Dewches Egeria, although to resist
Lampanus iniurious attemptes, (ha-
uing great occasion) yet wisdome,
obedience, and humilitie, gaue to
vnderstande what gloze and magni-
ficence fortune reserued to her paci-
ence, although motherly nature con-
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tentionally warred in the aduancement and defence of Pantiper her Sonne: yea discretion mitigated the meanes which might either pzeiudize or scandalize the honour of Lampanus her husband. Whereas Egeria layde downe and rested her defence indifferently betweene them both: so Lorde Apasus her brother, Pantipers Uncle, matching in marriage with the Cypers Queene. This honourable preferment hapned and attained by his Sister Egerias credite, vnderstanding his Nephew Pantipers distressed calamities, as wel by Lampanus violente inuasion prepared, as Spidoes false treacheries in denouncing his subiection, raysed a great armie of souldiers, to the number of thirty thousand able warriors, as infinite treasures and other formitures bestowed to that businesse: the which Cyprian souldiers hastely conuayed to Pantipers seruice in Hetruria. On the other side Lorde Trauenna, notwithstanding his extreame proscription, yet graced with Fortunes felicitye, thoroowe discrete sozeasse and manly behauiour, grewe in fantasie and wel liking of the Getian Queene, who amiably respecting honourable nobilitie from which he descended, and Ciuil condicions, rightly framed in his natural lineamentes: receiued him into her maiestical fauour, chaunged his wandring solitarie life, into fashionable regard and estimation, betrothed her loue, seigniozie, rule, and gouernement during her life to Lorde Trauenna. After the death of Bariana quene of Getes, Lord Trauenna whose comely & courtly behauiour with incomparable courtely exceeding: by the vniuersal voyce of the Getians, elected King and Ruler in her stead: So worthely among these people reputed, deigned moze worthy, then if naturally he had beene brought vp among them. Lord Trauenna not of
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compulsion, but curtelle requested two thousand, able men to be prest in his friende Pantipers behalfe into Hetruria, the which multitude leuied, and accepted into seruice, with moncy, victuals, harnesse, weapons, exemplified, with all other warrelike furnitures for supplying this enterprize taken in hand, the souldiers of the Getians by Pantipers entertainmēt, mightely magnified, and preferred into Hetruria, Lord Apasus souldiers from Cypres, and Lord Trauennaes souldiers from Geta for strengthening, and supportation of Pantiper and his dominion, ioining, and cloasing together in Hetruria. Pantiper nowe waied in ballance either winning or loosing all his interest, no more in his own fantasie put affiance: or depended vpon the fanning breath of any one man. By assemble of at his wisest and worthiest Hetrurian subiectes, provided a generall aduisement, what best was to be cared, and considered of in this waighty work, newly consulted of the chief Hetrurians to consider their own tuicions & safe gard, by no better meanes coulde be mainteined, then their true & iust obedience to Pantiper: for if seperation happeneth betweene the prince and subiect, especially at that instant an open passage for the forraigne enemy to enter in, had bene leauied: first esteeming it a conuenient meete thing, that all cities castles, towers, fortes, counter-fortes, rampartes, bulwarkes, countinmures, hammer-pains, flankes, and bay-fortes, with their portes and principall hauens, furnished, and beset with their own domesticall souldiers, their forrein souldiers transmitted from Cypres and Geta, whose valiancy and seruiceable fidelity in open field to be tried and approued: yet vnder the Hetrurian captains to be conducted, for better safegard as well in the estate of their own liues: as their more surer and expert seruice in this enterprize,

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prise: Pantiper to stirre vp the Hettrurian souldiers stomaks, speaketh in open face vpon a theatre this oration following.

Pantipers Oration to the Hettrurians

ALthough this our dominion (noble Hettrurians, and worthy subiects) hath for many yeeres ben heretofore thzown out a common spoile for sundry base flatterers, and impudent startups, to treade vnder: deeply digging and vndermining the royall estate and dignitie to vs appertaining, so we by their collussions, and vnnolwen disceites slaightly conuaded, are into infinite daungers infortunately conducted: the freshe memory of the Hettrurians miseries, thozough Eldornaes filthy life, Pasifers cruel extortion, Rastophels false usurpation easly from your eyes powreth out a fountaine of teares: these hurtes, and stumbling blockes, thzough my mother Egeraes tender care to her countrie, at length taken away, nowz my selfe as young, and without experience settled among you, am in hazarde to be bereaued, not onely of life, rule, and gouernement. But your felicity (my subiectes) peruerter, what may vnto your share befall, but rifled, ransacked, and dispoiled of all your possessions and wealth, your young men put to violent sword, your wiues rauished, your daughters deflowred, your common wealth subuerted, the dominion shaken, all thinges out of course. Reason were it, the Sonne to giue place to his father, that preservation with all might, to be assured to the Duke, dome: but banishment in my infancy, difficultie attaining this place, suppression of flatterring, traiterous restitution of good lawes, forming in his right place euery thing, now disordered, misgouerned and hazarded

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ded againe: may not I then well repent that euer to comfort your distresse I aduentured my selfe, or releasing your miseries, matched with you: yea, that euer I sware gouernement to you, or that bowing fealty and alleageaunce to me: if you now reuert subjection, renounce your prince, denye his honour, desperately infringing our conuincted amity. Surely if truth be in your heartes, stirre by your stomaches, manifest to the bittermoste your valeant mindes, stretch forth the power & might of men, if they seeking to win our iopes, let them first put on deadly sorowes, if wearing a crowne, let them first combat a victoꝛye, and whereas for my owne security, I might haue returned to my mother Lady Egeria, inhabiting the Barbarian soile: if stedfastly you stande, will spynge my heart bloud bypon the Hetrurian fieldes, before I wil cowardly start aside from my countrie men and people, lose one iote, or little porcion of my seignioꝛie: be not amased my subiectes, friends and countrie men, either let vs liue to maintaine our estates together at libertie, or else with fame and renowne lose our liues. This much sufficeth I truste to giue testimonye of vnfeigned affection towards you.

The Hetrurians muche reioyced, with glad some heartes, offered them selues in Pantipers seruice a sacrifice, made choice to fight rather in defence of their Countrie, then dispoiled of their liues, or vnder Lampanus tyrannicall slauerie captiuated: whereas the Hetrurians in their seuerall opinions dissioyned: so nowe with inseperable heartes faste knitte one towards another, purposed to bicker and trie by the teeth, the last euent of these vnkindly turbulent stormes, their stomachs more flouter, in y they before time were pinched with Lampanus careles, crauenlike extrauagatib,

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his slacke negligence in gouernement, lecherous life and many other abuses, with daily vociferation against him. the people whetted and sharpened their tongues: now at length Duke Bendall, and Lampantis of Egyptian souldiers, lead forth a mighty army, intermingled with aide of forreine princes, confines and neighbours to Duke Bendall, vpon the borders of Hettruria landing, marched forwards to a conuenient place vpon the top of the mountaine Auindall, moste fitly for this exploit situated, the Hettrurian souldiers much disnauntaged thereby, pitching the bottome of the saide Hill. This Mountaine harbored manye savage and cruel beastes, steepe, craggy, full of dangerous caues, and rockes, the difficult straitnesse hereof, impedit the one from the other a long space, but through nimblenes of stoute watches, great slaughters in the meane while happened on both sides. Duke Bendal perceiuing their intent to preuaile nothing, as one desperate from good hope, brake by siege, winding the West part to a vsuall passage, which although at that instant intercluded, yet conquered by sodaine slaught to them selues: the pollicy of Duke Bendal was such, as a man prudent forecasting, hard, and waightie affaires, with easie aduise: Duke Bendal in the night season forced two thousand camels with hollowe rattles of yron to their neckes fastened, sounding out a doubtfull noyse, shutting vp all other passages, the barriert souldiers, without rescue troden to death, this rancke confusedly out of order running forwards, passed forth vpon the Hettrurian tents without returne: Duke Bendal ordeined a hoste of foure thousand souldiers to pursue this inrode with wilde fire and whot brymstone in their handes, the Egyptians maine armie passed thereby into the lowe valleies beneath, entered vpon the
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Hetrurian souldiers as naked men, dispoiled the whole multitude of their liues, yet Pantiper absent from the general armie at the same time: bethought this extremity lately happened (except stopped) an infectious scurfe like to ouerspread the whole dominion, erected foure lanipels, ingens of mighty intollerable force, throwing out pibble stones of twenty or thirty pound waight, by such slaught and cruell batteries, as that the Egyptian souldiers were compelled to retire. Duke Bendal, and Lampanus in this fresh deuise, amazed, doubtfull, in attaining their exploits what to be hazarded, paused upon sundry circumuentions by secreete scout, at length procured a number of great fierce fiers of pitch, tarre, flare, bzimstone, rosell, to be extruded round about the said Lanipels, yet a farre distance from the daunger and slaught thereof, diue the Elephantes as a foresaid. Dispersed the watch, killed the souldiours, to their owne vse obtained the Lanipels. This enterprize successiuelye againe obtained in Lampanus behalfe, took good effect: Pantiper belwing euery thing out of course, growing worse and worse, purposed to finish these fatigable warres with cruel dint of sword, mustered a newe armie of forty thousande souldiours, to serue this publique ministracion: extracted from the holds, and fortresses of Hetruria, in defiance of the same imballaged hearaldes to Lampanus, and Duke Bendal: they much reioycing to vnderstand these newes, made speedy preparation to array their souldiers to the same, but Lampanus, and Duke Bendal interuewing the letwede disposition of Spido, caused him to be stript naked, his phisognomy disguised, and skin painted in sundry strange colours, a red crosse vpon his backe, his head besette with a cape of cockes feathers of Asia, his tongue thrust with wyer prickles on euery side,
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lockt within a brasse saddle vpon a mules backe, with a broken staffe in his hand, placed in the forefront of the battel, and a blewe streamer in the other hand, certayne verses written vpon the same cloth, as followeth.

Like a traitour away did flie, I haue these direful daies sown,
I am Spido that spitefull spie, my false deceites are known:
Reuenge my carion corpes, as my desertes deserue,
Foule fame retire backe, from thee I can not swaue.
The Sunne, the Moone, the starrely Stars, condemne my traiterous life,
The Hettrurians shame by me is wrought,
I stirre the Egyptians strife.
With al disdain disguise I am, my painted face beholde:
And like a foole with feathers deckt, into your hands am sold e,
You Gods that dwell in golden skies, some better rest me send,
Now my dissembling daies, with dint of sworde must end.

When Pantiper as chiefe president of the Hettrurian army, valiantly lead forth the hoste in manly courage: forthwith by meanes, a secrete voice giuen out of Spidoes entertainment, and sharpe handling among the Egyptians. The Hettrurians cruell rankered heartes, in the ioyning of these armies, presently hacked Spido in peeces, least no one ioint vnbeuen from an other. Although Pantiper, and twenty other noble Hettrurians in one like suite of harnesse furnished them selues: yet Lamparus, and Duke Bendal, fiercely approaching the maine standard, entercountred Pantiper and the rest: couragiously behatted themselues, to fearefull and terrible death, pursued them: the Egyptians, giuing such a whole fierie cannizado, with cruell extremity in bloody slaughter, pearced the remnant of the Hettrurians behinde: after two houres fight, the victory to the Egyptians belongeth. Lamparus, laying aside all fatherly good nature, caused his sonne Pantipers head
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from his shoulders to be stricken off, and perched the same upon a pale top.

The battell ceasing, newes by publique promulgation spread through out Hettruria of Pantipers death, yeelded by their cities, and principall holdes: the forreine souldiers enforced to shifte for them selues, escaped away in the night. Although Lampanus in bitter hatred of the people, yet once againe gloriously entered his kingdome, and became their gouernour: the Hettrurians seasoned their stomackes to digest the same, as temperature could best frame, and serue therevnto. After Lampanus had settled his routing stone, Duke Bendal his leaue taken, departed into Egypt backe againe. Lampanus repossessing his pristinate estate, laide sharp punishments, and hard lawes vpon the Hettrurians backs, the which brought cankered contempt, and indignation to his person, the people very vnruely, with vnbydeled will intraced their former malice against his person: Lampanus for his unnaturall outragies to wardes the Hettrurians, bereft from the love and subiection of the people, his miserable plight againe indangered, daily destruction to be looked for: yet vpon better aduise, and that for his better security, resigned the estate of the seigniorie, to faire Lady Selewfa, with golden soote his daughter, and Lord Nearich her husband, betooke himself to priuate pleasures and rest, Lord Nearich, and faire Selewfa, with renowned honour among the people gouerned, but for that Lord Nearich a stranger, and faire Selewfa although a Hettrurian borne, yet with the manners of the people vnacquainted, therefore retained one Pleasmanus to bee especially of their counsell: and as Hettruria thorough flattering dissimblers had before beene long punished, so Lords Pleasmanus handeled him selfe in cunning sayghes,

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beyond them all. For whereas notable dissembling
fayners, for aduancement and vnlawful promotions,
finely handled them selues: so Lord Pleasmanus deligh-
ted in the fauours and friendship of the common sort,
courteous, full of fauour and grace, winding more and
more, secretly into the mountaine of their priuities.
Pleasmanus drew the multitude to such admirable de-
lectation; moistened their monthes with sweet drops,
priuily perswading the people, by Lord Nearich a stran-
ger, sayre Selewsa a banished Hettrurian, vnmeet, vnna-
tural Princes, shoulde appoint direct rules to naturall
and louing people. Lord Pleasmanus smiled vpon the
common sort, wincked vpon al transgressions, fauoured
traitours, theiues, harlots, al lewde, dissolute, vile, and
abiect persons. Lord Pleasmanus handsomly conuayed
his inward craftes, obtayned amity both of Prince and
people, notwithstanding al which pestered cogitations,
deeply festered in his stomach. Lord Pleasmanus utter-
ed forth before the people, saying. Oh if I were your
gouernour, and the administration of iustice vnder my
handes, what luste and liberty shoulde ouer shadow al
your actions, without priuate controlment or publicke
institution, promising freedome, estimation, wealth, se-
curity, lulling and drowning them, with out waking
in a deadly dangerous sleepe. Lampanus before time
wel hammered with the false practizes of flatterers,
trembled in the memory of former miseries so sharply
tasted, lead Pleasmanus by sayre wordes into the top of
a high Tower, whereas overlooking the same, Lamp-
anus with other confederats to that effect appointed, cast
him ouer, dashing his bones agianst the harde ground,
and brake his necke. This Pleasmanus by subtilty con-
uayed him selfe into the fauoure of the common sort,
wretchedly with shame and dishonour ended his life.

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Now Lampanus assuring the estate of his Dukedome from all tempestes vnshaken, gaue him selfe greatly to voluptuous desire, olde filthy lust incombzng the high counsels of his vnderstanding, desired incestuous concupiscence with sayze Selewsa his daughter, who speaking to him after this maner. Deare father, remember the honoz of your house, my aleagance and duty to my husbande Nearich, the violating of vertuous nuptial estate: al which shal bring a iudgment and scourge from the Gods, to punish our wicked deeds, & in this world euermore a disoatne and open contempt to be gazed at. Notwithstanding all which perswasions, Lampanus browned in forgetfulnesse of former miseries, inforced vehemently the ravishment and deflouring of Ladye Selewsaes honourable chastitie, the which obtayned, as shamefully committed, was conuerted presently to a venemous filthy snake. Lampanus most odious to behold in the similitude of a snake, al which to sayze Selewsa greuous beration, heart sorow and teares. Selewsa altogether remembzng the duty of a daughter to her father, framed of pure wrought Gold a sayze caske to preserve Lampanus in, during the continuance of these plagues happened, sead him with the milke of a the Unicozne. But on a time Lord Nearich contemning the fulsome ougle aspect hereof, as also the stenching smelles molesting their magnificence senses: with his sharpe sword readely drawne, mangled and killed Lampanus in the likenes of a snake, who after he was dead, his flesh growng very fulsome like the coloured purple Berry, with most vnlawery corruption did smel, cast thozto the Dukes palace the inevitable smel of poisoned round about. Lord Nearich and Selewsa loath to reueale this heauy iudgement happened, secretly intombed and buried Lampanus carcas with.

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Within the Garden of Hercules Image. The common people verely supposing Lampaeus to his p̄stinate extravagation, had be taken him selfe. But now Lord Nearich hardly vpon his owne absolute authoritie, bearing swaye among the people, except mercilesse tyrannie, not able to rule the seigniorie, for that the Hettrurians impenitrable natures, would not sustaine the burthens of a sovraine Prince, as well dispersed suidie infamous slaunders, As pearling honourable renowned credite, as traiterously also conspired the final destruction of his life. All which easely might be eschewed: had not Lord Nearich mistyked and disagreed with the sweete pleasaunt maryage estate of Selewsa his wife. After her vertues beganne, loathsome and vnsauery to his good liking, the Dominion coulde not long continue unhazarded: For wher as Lord Nearich a sovraine Prince, lately in the pleasaunt temperate ayre of Egypt breathing, now in the hotte burning coales of Hettruria broyling: partly lead forth with ambitious and Princely desire, as also his stomacke feruently blazed with strange luste of the Hettrurian Ladies, disdained the comely beautie and honourable personage of Selewsa: Golde seemed drosse, pure Rine reputed stincking water: the sweete flowers befoze smelling, esteemed stincking weeds, his wholsome senses corrupted: nothing appearing in Selewsa unto his eyes delightfome. So hateful, that by many deuises and fetches practized, the meanes by which Lady Selewsa might be dispatched, at last the rediest & direst order, was consulted of with one Phalagon a Phisitian, although well qualified and singularlie experienced, excellently learned, and deeply seene in that Noble and reuerent science: yet covetous gayne and desire to estimation, as a leper in

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Instrument to anre vile purpose puffed him by. The
utility of the Hetrurian common wealth, in healing
and curing the wonderfull diseases of the people, not
so much preuailing by his skill, as his worthye
gyftes to a vile and abiect purpose, misused, mislead
in natures giftes with present disturbance of the
people, his owne ouerthrow, and sarall finishing the
sweet tender lyfe of Ladie Selewfa, interposed a poti-
an to cast her into a deadly sleepe, the drench as follow-
eth intermingled.

Cinnaberis 12. Cariophilus albus 5. Sanguis
Leporinæ matricis. Aqua ex ranarum cruribus subli-
mato vapore collecta. Fel coruinum, cariobalsami.
Mamilla virginis dextra, ciconiæ masculinæ lactes, cau-
da hirundinis ad epilepsiam: per solem quinque septi-
marum spatio in vitrea cucurbita incalescant.

This potian ministred by Phalagon the Physitian,
and by sayze Selewfa receiued, presently in a deadly
vnwakefull sleepe was drowned, her senses mortifi-
ed, assured them selues, no extraminent reuification
coulde bee in her bodie: Phalagon, as well for his
owne gaines, as by the allurement of Lorde Nea-
rich in the promised promotions, which he gaped af-
ter: Cut of the Golden legge of Selewfa, from the
fleshe, vnioynted the naturall essence, her sweet ver-
dure losing strength and operation, yeelded by her
delicate life, without hope of recouerie. The death
of Ladie Selewfa vncertainely reported, surmising
some one way, some an other, euery man lead and mis-
lead by singular report. But yet to salue this conta-
gious soare, an honourable and liberall funerall,
published thowout the Hetrurian Dominion, was
to insinnate the fauours of the bulgar sorte of people,

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not onely to cloake their hidden murthers, as in that he might safely clyme the high stape of the Dukedome, without any impedimented stop or stay therevnto. After the honorable funeral of Lady Selewfa finished, her delicate sweete body, in the graneled earth intombed: the Hettrurian priestes aswel by speech dayly geuen out, as also in that she was intituled, by the voice of the common sort, to be called Lady Selewfa with golden foote: the chiefe Prelats, and religious Cleargie of Hettruria, to the number of forty the officiall prests of Hercules image principall: in a night secretly attempted to digge the body of Lady Selewfa, onely for her golden foot, the which exploit put in practise: These priestes of Hettruria conetously inclined, wholly ginen and bent to this vaine and vile enterprise, in the middle houre of the night at Selewfaes tombe, meeting al together, delued, and vntombed Selewfaes sanctified body: perceiuing their intent frustrate, missing the gaine of that which they desired, departed, leaving the coarse naked and bare vpon the ground: for surely as the body of Selewfa priuely was intombed by Lord Nerich, and Phalagon at the first: so by whom, the vniopnting of her golden legge, by murther, fraude, and stealth happened as yet from the Hettrurians concealed. These netwes of digging vpon the dead coarse of Lady Selewfa transported to the hearing of Lord Nerich, who feared his inordinate murthring her dainty sweet life in publike question to the worlde, would appeare and be stirred. Phalagon, the phisicians counsel in these causes, searched, raked, diligently to the bottome sedomed, howe Lord Nerich might best regarde his owne person: defende his credite, possesse the Dukedome in the honour of the people, in cleanly conueying these fraudulent attempts by scruteny and inquisition found the conspiracy, and
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treason from the Hetrurian *Idelates*, issued as fountains of execrable mischief to the same: some of them found out, taken and apprehended, confessed the remnant bebind: this worthy diligent search by *Phalagons* advise, in the favour of present time, ripped to the bottome, the chiefest of these Hetrurian *Idelates* put to death. The sayd *Idelates* at the same instant, inwardly mourned their ill favoured disguised manners, in the religion which they professed before the Gods: their lives blemished in facions innovations, covetousness, extortion, pride, lechery, and ambition. These *Priestes* (the rather put to bitter execution): for that the people of the common sort, cryed against their nefarious abomination, were in the face of the worlde (as night Owles) for the smal Birdes in the open day light to wonder at. Lord *Nearich* to shew him selfe into the favour of the people, ambitiously aduancing his owne cause, as to appease the inconstant canonizing murmuratiō, in what so ever should happen, made a definitive determination vtterly to displease the religious *Priestes*, in the fauor and amitie of the common and laye people: all which preuailed not to the furtherance of his cause, for nature alwayes loatheth and misliketh straunge and vnnatural governmentes: by *Phalagons* meanes, to tame and chastise the manners of the sauage people, as otherwaies vnable: except by cruelty, tyranny, misgovernment, usurpation, extortion, taxes, heavy tributes, al other sinister meanes helped not, but rather more fiercer increased the manners of the people. The noble famous *Duchesse Egeria*, in the midst of these agonious skirmishes, her sovraine glorie and renowne before finished, especially vpon that instant, and time imminent preferred Lord *Tarratus* daughter to the Barbarian king in marriage estate: who not long before had deliuered to

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Depulcher, his deare Wife and Queene, her vertuous spirit to the mighty supernall Gods assaylant. This young Lady, which now he had matched with, at the motion and preferment of the worthy Egeria, was Lord Terratus high marshalls daughter, whose father spent the best blood of his heart, and yielded his life, with his family, in Duches Egeriaes cause and quarrel, in conscionable recompence whereof, magnified and admaunded his onely child and Daughter being now a kin, vnder her tuition, educated, and in honorable maners instructed. Now lastly, Egeria in accomplishment of a Hettrurian tragical calamities, as wel to her selfe, as her native Hettrurian soyl, which inwardly in heart most tenderly she loued and long sighed after: returned with great admiration, praise, and renowne from her banishment, placed in a couch of pure Golde, a Diadem crowne vpon her head, (into Hettruria her owne Countrie) entring with recourse of the whole Hettrurians, what estate & condition so ever entertayning her, saying aloud. Oh happy is the houre, and blessed is the day, that our renowned Duches Egeria is returned from her banishment: the Gods sanctifie her, long to raige & rule ouer vs. Lord Nearich, & Phalagon the phisition, casting with themselves to resist, preuailed not, the minds of the people ioyntly knit, and inclined to Egeria: so that the saide Lord Nearich and Phalagon the phisition, in Egeraes sight humbled them selues: notwithstanding she remembering the death of Pantiper, and murdering of Selewsa her children, as also what incontinence, and disturbance, by prolonging their liues might happen to the seigniorpe: in straight execution commaunded her will effectually to be discharged, forthwith speedily by the chiefe Magistrates, appointed remisors to the same, were beheaded. The greates prosperitie and wealth
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thorough noble Duchesse Egeria, beautifying and enriching Hettruria, to reioyce the dead spirites of the people, now glorified in their owne desires. Duches Egeria to make requital of Lord Trauennas banishment, and hainous inturies besides: desired his returne into Hettruria, to possesse his owne patrimonies, landes and hereditamentes, sent Ambassadors into Geta to the same effect. Upon knowledge given to Lord Trauenna in Geta, in sumptuous renoune, and maiestic with abundant treasure, beset on every side, hastened into Hettruria, who by Duches Egeria (with surpassing estimation) was received. So Lord Trauenna, and Duches Egeria in nuptiall estate, matched together, the abundant masse of golde, and treasures in reuersion, from their banishment on either part, was from forraigne countries brought, bedecked and garnished Hettruria, to become not onely populous, rich, honourable, quiet, and replenished with all manner of fruitfull increments. As finally Duches Egeria marrying Lord Trauenna, together with consent and aduise of the whole dominion, crowned legitimate governours of Hettruria, inioyed issue and posterity betwene them, with long life, prosperous honour and felicity, to the veneration of the immortal power.

Amen.

Thus endeth the renowned Historie of Duches Egerias first aduentures.

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